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OUR TURN: VIEWS AND OPINIONS OF THE NEW VOICE STAFF

OMAHA FAILS TO TURN OUT AGAIN or THE CURSE OF COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

by Terry Sweeney

It was that gray, wet weekend, remember? Actually the whole week had been rather cloudy and sort of, you know, cool. But, what could you expect? The College World Series was about to begin and it seems that the rain continually pours on the CWS. I've almost come to plan for rain during the series, you know, no picnics, really nothing outside, unless you can get it done between clouds, that kind of thing.

So maybe that was the problem, I just don't know. You see, it was during that very opening weekend that ANGLE had planned to hold its annual recognition dinner. I should have warned them of the CWS curse, but I never thought it would be a problem. The dinner is, after all, held indoors and the menu included nothing cooked out on a grill, so I thought it was safe, but I was wrong.

For those of you who do not know what the ANGLE recognition is about, allow me a few words of explanation. The ANGLE recognition dinner has become an annual event the organization allows itself to be the vehicle whereby we (the "Community") may nominate and recognize the work, contribution, or commitment made by our "community", by individuals, organizations and businesses. This year a new category was included for recognition of personal achievement. A committee established to review all nominations includes local as well as out-of-town members (to keep the process as unbiased as possible.) Once all nominations are received a review committee has the difficult task of selecting nominations to receive special recognition. This should not necessarily be viewed as a winning nomination, because, believe me, they are all winners, just call it special as ANGLE has done. Oh, by the way, this year's winners were: Absolutely Flowers, The MAX, Printing Plus, Joe Bonaiuto, Stanley Brown, Tami Griffith, Pat Phalen, Jeffery "Brandon" Shukis, Citizens for Equal Protections, EAGLE, ICON, Women

of the Plains, Rev. Brian Hanlon, Sharon McCartney, and Wayne Tietzort. Now that's a list that we can be PROUD of, and some of you are, so much so that you took time out to submit a nomination. There were four special nominations who received special recognition. They were Printing Plus, Pat Phalen, CFEP and ICON tied and both received special recognition and finally Rev. Brian Hanlon.

This year's ceremony was moderated by the *New Voice's* own Sharon Van Butsel. Sharon did an exceptionally fine job of relating each of this year's nominations and was quite adept at making each nominee feel very special and valued. I do not believe anyone could have gone away feeling disappointed. I particularly appreciated the way all nominees were recognized and then a special recognition announcement. It really seemed to work well and helped to build a common spirit rather than a competition.

I am sure the event committee worked hard at planning this celebration. The hall was set-up nicely. The entertainment provided by the RCMC was fantastic, as usual. Diane Thomas offered an enthusiastic presentation. This year's dinner was a nice buffet presented by Aaron Michaels Catering. The only thing missing, for the most part, was the community. I would guess around 50-80 people, which I call disappointing.

It is a mystery. I have been actively involved with our "community" for over ten years now and I have yet to be able to figure out a working formula to get people involved in our future, nor do I know of any one organization to meet this challenge on a regular basis. The organizations, they seem to come and go without much hoopla. But the people, they are still here, still living here. I hear all of the time about how great that city is or what is happening on the coast, in D.C., but the people are still here, living here. I've traveled to most of these cities I hear talked about, just to see for myself. Truth is, what I found was the same

ole story and that's a few people willing, trying to make a positive impact for a whole lot of people.

There always plenty of excuses for not participating, and our "community" organizations have heard many, sometimes several times over. But, this year it seemed ANGLE really tried to run interference for what they have heard as excuses. The event was held outside of the downtown area, in what seemed a rather central location from all parts of the city. A menu to appeal to all. A smoke free environment for most of the evening and there was even financial assistance available. (Honestly, I don't believe anyone would have been turned away.)

My point is, it's nice to live in a city where we have several good bars to be proud of and to go out to and have a good time, but alas, bars alone do not a "community" maketh. And, without your active involvement, this thing we call a "community" will be nothing more than merely Saturday nite out with a few acquaintances, which easily will become a few house parties here or there and eventually reduce to confining ourselves - if not ourselves, then our youth, back into isolation and disguise.

We have come too far to let this happen. ANGLE members and their nominees work at not letting this happen. Yet their efforts could be less of a task with more people caring enough, willing enough to help do the work. Don't wait for someone to ask you to help out or be involved. Get out and demand to be involved. There is room for everyone - all of the area groups need our volunteer hours. Please, do it now, do it today, do it for our tomorrow. Who knows, maybe next year will be your special year.

REMEMBERING WAYNE

by Sharon Van Butsel

I first met Wayne Tietzort at MCC in the little storefront church on South 24th Street. He was outgoing, cheerful, muscular and sun tanned, with a confident walk and a ready laugh. He had recently returned to Omaha from California. He came to church several times but then I lost track of him until he took a job at The MAX. I never lost that first impression of Wayne - to me he always walked with a bit of a swagger and faced the world head on, even when making unpopular decisions. That's how I remember Wayne, his back ramrod straight and his jaw slightly set or his head thrown back to laugh. Wayne's eyes could get cold and steely when he was really angry or they could get almost lost in the laugh lines around his face. Or, on occasion, his eyes would be those of a little boy asking for approval and reassurance as he tried something new and unfamiliar. It took Wayne a couple years to move from behind the scenes into the spotlight on center stage. At first he was reluctant to be on stage to perform or speak. But later he became comfortable talking with the audience about very serious matters - like HIV and AIDS. He also became a delightful Skag Drag Diva. Who could ever top the appearance of "Rollerina" in short skirt, frilly blouse, moustache, and wig who roller skated her way into the hearts of the audience at the MAX? Wayne was a special person. I'm grateful for the things Wayne taught me and that I was able to be a part of his life.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CELEBRATE "OUR OWN PARTICULAR BRAND OF QUEERNESS"

To the editors:

In response to Matthew Govig's editorial in the May edition of the Coalition chronicle, I would like to offer some thoughts of my own on the March on Washington. As a participant in the bisexual contingent of the March, I felt proud to be a member of a colorful and diverse group of marchers. Although the majority of the group consisted of ordinary-looking citizens dressed in shorts and t-shirts, there were certainly people in the group whose appearance must have raised a few eyebrows. There were the self-proclaimed "bi-pagans," dressed in flowing robes and wizard hats—one man even wore pointed ears and a tail—who animated the March with their drums, tambourines and recorders. There were people with visible (and I imagine, not visible) piercings of various body parts. There were people in polyfidelitous relationships, who marched holding hands with their multiple life-partners. And there were a good number of topless women, whose lack of inhibition I envied and admired. Of course, there were others whose attire was even more in keeping with the Mardi Gras spirit, such as the woman dressed in a corset, with pale painted face and dark painted lips, 'a la Rocky Horror Picture Show.

It seems there are those in the gay, lesbian and bisexual (thank you very much) community who were troubled by the appearance of some of those less reserved participants in the March. The

suggestion has been made that some marchers should have censored their "selfish exhibitionism" for the good of the queer community; they should have left their Mardi Gras costumes at home in favor of a more acceptable mode of attire that would help to convince March observers that, after all, "We are just like you." Pardon me, but some of us do not believe that we are just like everyone else. We do believe, however, that in spite of our differences, all human beings are entitled to the same civil rights. It seems to me that we do enough self-censoring in our daily lives. The March on Washington is the one event where each of us should be able to celebrate his or her own particular brand of queerness. Of course, the notion that nobody will be offended is foolish. I have no doubt that there are people, both straight and queer, who take greater offense at polygamy than at bare breasts; others will object more to paganism than to body-piercing.

The title of Govig's commentary seemed to suggest that the queer community ought to consider excluding members whose appearance—or behavior associated with that appearance—might give cause for straight society to take offense. I must say, it isn't entirely clear to me who we are trying to avoid offending. Like it or not, the queer community includes all sorts of people, some of whom we may find easier to accept than others. Ultimately, the idea that we should encourage conformity or invisibility of members of our community who make us uncomfortable sounds suspiciously like the attitude of straight society towards all of us as bisexuals, lesbians, and gays.

Colleen R. Baade

LETTER POLICY

The New Voice will publish only those letters to the editor which include full name and either address or phone number so we can verify authenticity. You can request that your name not be published but we must be able to contact you for verification.

GAY/LESBIAN POSTAL EMPLOYEES NETWORK

Dear Editor:

Gay and lesbian employees of the United States Postal Service in the Northland District, which includes large areas of Minnesota and Wisconsin, are pleased to inform your readers of the existence of the Gay/Lesbian Postal Employees Network (G/L PEN).

In February, 1992, interested gay and lesbian postal employees formed a "steering committee" to discuss guidelines for an organization that would serve the needs of those in the local work force who identify as sexual orientation minorities. Our first general meeting was in March 1992. Since then, we have been meeting monthly.

Membership in the G/L PEN is open to any gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or gay/lesbian sensitive employee. Our mission is: "to serve as an advocate for all sexual minority employees and advance their recognition and legitimacy within the United States Postal Service."

While the G/L PEN functions as a support group for those who attend meetings, we are focusing the majority of our effort on effecting change in the work place. To achieve our agenda, we've formed "action teams" to work on various objectives.

The G/L PEN is encouraged by the Postal Service's recent creation of a Vice President for Cultural Diversity. We believe the time has come for us to receive the recognition and the benefits due us. It is our hope that postal employees among your readers will also wish to organize networks. To that end, we offer assistance to those who inquire. We can be reached through PO Box 580397, Minneapolis, MN 55458-0397.

Richard E. Evans
Co-coordinator
G/L PEN

THANKS FOR KEEPING COMMUNITY INFORMED

New Voice Persons,

Just read latest issue—really good job of putting all that information together—thank you for keeping the community informed so well—

Enclosed find two poems I wrote about March on Washington—Use if you need—

Thanks,
Neva



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SCOTTSDLUFF "ATTORNEY REACHING OUT TO LOCAL HOMOSEXUALS"

The Source, the news for the Gay and Lesbian community of Southwestern South Dakota, recently carried the following letter which had originally appeared in the *Star-Herald* of Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

To the Editor:
It takes a certain amount of passion about a subject to arouse a person to write a letter to the editor. I am horrified by the hatred and violence that has surfaced in the wake of Colorado's Amendment 2 and President Clinton's lifting of the ban on homosexuals serving in the military.

A female therapist in Colorado Springs who is not a lesbian, but was opposed to Amendment 2, was assaulted, terrorized, and her office vandalized; a young Colorado man left a suicide note saying he couldn't live in a state that hated him; a soldier stationed in Japan was beaten to death after "coming out" to his superior officer.

One's sexuality is such a personal thing. The forces of biology take most of us by surprise; and that biological imperative for homosexuals is met not with pleasure and approval by society but with disgust, religious persecution, and governmental oppression. The hatred is immediately internalized and the struggle for self-love and acceptance begins.

The biggest myth is that there are no homosexuals in this town [Scottsbluff]. They all live some place else. The truth of the matter is there is at least one in every family, no exceptions. The most aggressive "gay bashers" are frequently latent homosexuals out to prove their normalcy. Rapists and child molesters are overwhelmingly heterosexual, but homosexuals take the rap for "deviancy."

The expression of one's sexuality with love and a loving partner is as close as most of us come to Godliness. Surely this choice is one of the "penumbra of rights" undeclared in the constitution but retained by the people and protected by the First and Ninth Amendments of the Constitution.

There are presently no support services available in the Panhandle for gay men and lesbians. The fear of "coming out" in this area is awesome. As an attorney, I currently represent certain individuals who desire to facilitate a support group. Gay men and lesbians, their parents, friends, relatives, teachers, therapists, social workers, and other interested persons may call Western Nebraska Legal Services, (308) 632-4734, and make reference to this letter for information regarding the time and place of a meeting.

Rae Ann Schmitz,
Attorney-At-Law, Scottsbluff

KEEP THE BOYCOTT GOING

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing you from Colorado Springs, Colorado — birthplace of Amendment 2 and the national attack on diversity and multiculturalism. I am a supporter of the group called Ground Zero. Ground Zero has endorsed the National Boycott of Colorado as an effective tool, perhaps the strongest of tools, to use to Sound the Alarm — not just in Colorado, but across the nation, alerting all to the political agenda of the Religious Right. The message is — Amendment 2's are unacceptable — we will respond — we will fight back — we will send an economic message through boycotts and sanctions if you enact legislation or barriers to equal rights, and that we will not countenance discrimination that denies our rights. The boycott is a national issue as an editor of the *Denver Post* recently recognized when, in an editorial reporting the successes of the boycott, he said: "Denver's and Colorado's punishment can't be ignored in the rest of the country. Certainly convention planners and professionals in the out-of-town meeting business are keenly aware of it. That means politicians and business owners and other highly placed people in other states will fight hard — harder than their Colorado counterparts did — to keep the same thing from happening to them." Personally, I want to let you know that those that tell you the Boycott is not effective are those who are boycotting or those that have sold out to the almighty dollar. Would you admit the success of the boycott if you were being boycotted? It is true that friendships are being hurt also — but this is a price we — including myself — must pay, even as the blacks of South Africa paid. The price of freedom and equality is not always cheap. However, I could see the value of a foundation being formed to which gay and gay friendly businesses could turn for financial assistance and I urge those with the where-with-all to pursue this. Finally, personally, I urge you not to come to Colorado, whether for a Gay event, just to visit, or on business, not just for Colorado, but for the National effort and for the effort in other areas facing their own Amendment 2's. Don't forget to send a message telling the state you're not coming and why. We love you but we don't want to see you right now — at least not here.

AND DON'T BELIEVE THE RIGHT WING AND SELF-MOTIVATED PROPAGANDA IN REGARD TO THE BOYCOTT. IT IS WORKING. IT IS HAVING THE DESIRED EFFECT HERE AND IT IS BEING USED AS A MAJOR CAMPAIGN TOOL ACROSS AMERICA.

Franklin Whitworth
Box 1982
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PEN FRIEND WANTED

Dearest,

My name is Jonnthan and I writing concerning an ad I would like to have in your magazine. However, I am unable to pay at the time. I'm incarcerated. And to have a pen friend would be a big appreciated help to my loneliness. Thanks.

My ad: Nice looks, young, gay male, clean, in good health, 5'7" tall, 135 lbs., great personality. Incarcerated. Seeking new friends and relocate.

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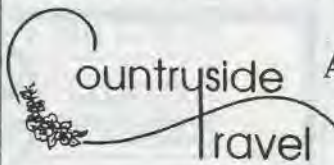
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GAY CHRISTIAN SPEAKS OUT AGAINST PAT ROBERTSON'S CHRISTIAN COALITION

Dear Editor,

When I received the following letter from the Christian Coalition, I assumed their plea for help was for the poor, hungry, homeless people of the world, or to help spread the word, but not the garbage that I ended up with.

I am a Christian. I attend and support a Christian church. I know that God loves me and encourages me to hold out an open loving hand to all.

According to the Pat Robertson, I am an anti-family, anti-Christian, pagan, fueling the train of destruction. I feel very offended by his judgment of me and of my personal opinions.

I know I have a different view of what a family is, but the love inside of that family is the same. I am a Christian because I try to accept all of God's creation. I may not agree with everything, but I know God is the judge, not me.

How can anyone use the name of God to instill fear, distrust, and hate into the hearts of people. So much energy directed so negatively. And still we have the poor, the hungry, and the homeless.

J.A.B.

Editor's Note: The following are excerpts from the letter sent out by Pat Robertson.

Dear Christian Friend,

Enclosed please find your free Christian Coalition CONGRESSIONAL SCORECARD, which will tell you how your Congressman and two Senators are voting in Washington...

I am also writing to ask for your help in stopping (or at least slowing down) the anti-family train of destruction coming out of Washington...

...let me tell you why I believe Christian Coalition's CONGRESSIONAL SCORECARD project is so important...

These scorecards will tell America's Christians exactly where their elected representatives stand on the crucial issues that face our families and our nation.

This is especially important today because, with anti-family forces now in control of both the White House and Congress, Christians are seeing a massive assault on our values and beliefs...

...we now have an Administration that is squarely in the hands of the radical left.

Bill Clinton is the first President in American History to meet with leaders of the homosexual movement in the White House.

You were probably as shocked as I was by the television pictures of the recent march on Washington by an estimated 300,000 homosexual and lesbian militant whose demands included...

...reducing the age of sexual consent; giving legal sanction to homosexual marriages, permitting homosexual couples to adopt children, and fully integrating pro-homosexual material into the schools.

If Christians and pro-family Americans fail to take strong and united action today, we won't recognize America tomorrow — the America that once honored God and had a common understanding of right and wrong...

...I hope you will join us.

Christian Coalition already has over 400,000 members and supporters. And thousands of Christians are joining with us every week...but we must do more. by the end of the year we hope to have 800,000 Christians active in every city and town in America.

Our "1993 Blueprint for Victory" can be summed up in three words: Organize, organize, and organize. We are now organizing Christians precinct by precinct, and neighborhood by neighborhood.

We have formed hundreds of local chapters so we can train and equip Christians and pro-family citizens to stop the anti-family agenda now moving through Congress...

We plan to survey the opinions of 2,000,000 Christians over the next few weeks. This survey will have a major impact because it will show politicians the strength of the pro-family movement.

As you know, most surveys poll the opinions of a few hundred people. So you can be sure a survey of 2,000,000 Christians will be studied by every politician...We will also send the results to all 535 members of the House and Senate, President Clinton, and his senior advisors...

Editor's Note: The letter continues in the same vein, asking for money to help influence our elected officials. This letter is only a warning of what could happen if we, as gay men and lesbians, do not make our voices heard in government.

"PEN FRIENDS WANTED"

Dear Friends:

We are writing you from Belgrade (Yugoslavia) most boring city in Europe. There are three of us — us (desperate) lesbian (26 y.o.) and two (lonely) gay guys. We would like to meet some pen-friends from your country if it is possible.

Please help us if you can.

Our addresses are:

She:

Todosjevic Felicia

Poste Restante

11000 Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Europe

They (guys)

1) Godinic Branislav (23 y.o.)

Poste Restante

11000 Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Europe

2) Miletic Goron (20 y.o.)

Poste Restante

11000 Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Europe

Thank you in advance! Greetings from Branislav, Goron, & Felicia

COPIES OF BACK ISSUES OF NEW VOICE NEEDED

The New Voice is working to find copies of certain issues from the early days of the magazine. We have one complete set that is bound and stored in our archives, but want to assemble at least one more complete set which can be put on public display.

We also have scattered copies of other Gay/Lesbian publications which were published here in Nebraska and would like to collect additional copies of these as the basis for what will someday be the archives of gay and lesbian activities in Nebraska.

If you would be willing to donate (or to have photocopied) copies of the issues or publications listed below, please call Sharon Van Buitel at 536-9907, or write to *The New Voice of Nebraska*, P.O. Box 3512, Omaha, NE 68103.

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THE WORKS OF BRIAN E. BENGSTON

Editor's Note: We are pleased to include the works of Brian E. Bengston. His poetry addresses parts of gay life that some would prefer to ignore. However, his poetry also conveys an emotional impact far beyond sentimentality, leaving you with a resounding chord somewhere deep inside as you feel for a moment the fear, the regret, the surfacing of emotions that were long buried.

Gay...Some assembly required

- I am that hustler that made you stop and look on Burgundy Street.
I am that tired old drag queen that spills her drink, then mouths all the words to the video.
I am that little piece of fluff who has one shot too many, and
I am the troll that holds his ass for support.
I am the ethyl-sniffing disco diva out on the dance floor with a new bleach job.
I am the part-timer who prays to God that no one sees me walk in.
I am the bar-floor drug dealer who puts his fingers all over the acid.
I am the happy-hour holdover trying to explain to the cab driver where the hell I live.
I am that trick you woke up with, and have a quick second thought as you look in the mirror.
I am the rough piece of trade that pinched your nipples too hard.
I am the pretty boy with a perfect tan that makes all the bartenders squeal.
I am the guy in the grope section who ripped open your shorts.
I am the workplace wet-dream that you always wonder about.
I am the one who comes in, sits down, has a few drinks and leaves.
I am the twenty-something militant who kisses his boyfriend in public.
I am the older gentleman who takes you out to dinner first "no questions asked."
I am your lover.
I am gay...
...with some assembly required.

Gay, Some Assembly Required, and Please don't call me chicken, are both featured in my new play Fags In The Mall, which premiered last spring at the Crawlspace Theatre in New Orleans, Louisiana. Hopefully this piece will premiere in Omaha this summer.

...Chicken was originally published in volume 1 (spring 1991) of QRhyme, a yearly publication put out by Queer Nation at Chicago, and all rights are reserved by the authors. The other works are new, having been created by my experiences since I have returned to Omaha. — Brian E. Bengston

Rites of Pumps

back in the dressing room, Miss Bette puts on her lips, or maybe it is Joan, or Liza, or that bitch with the new song, you never know until they put the tape on.
time to put on the tits, the cheap ones she bought in Sioux City, the ones that leave marks when someone (...) pulls them off.
"it's time for this downtown drag queen to get up on that stage, and show these sorry faggots why they were saving their tip money!!"
two seconds before you go on, you think about your father, and the last thing he said to you.

Please Don't Call Me Chicken

please don't call me chicken, when the pit in my stomach sloshes to my legs, and I wonder if my story to Mom & Dad worked.
please believe that my I.D. is real, this is my only chance, and no one will tell me where the good bathrooms are.
(please don't offer to by me a drink cuz this is what my dad always has, and I don't think I can take another.)
please don't ask me to dance, or offer to go home with me. I'm not sure how either would work out.
please forgive my silence as you lead me to your bedroom.
please, I'm just noticing your chest, and the dark mysterious hair that I dreamed about, and the strength of your arm, the smell of your work.
please, touch me there.
please, I hope I'm doing this right.
please don't notice the pain on my face, or hear my tiny cry.
please tell me it's o.k. to cum so quick.
please believe my excuse.
please don't call me chicken.

the roads last seen

as the late june 1-80 smell of grass that was cut three days before crawled from the back of my mind, and the guy at the clinic tried with a post-mortem calmness to show that yes, both our numbers did indeed match,

all i could think of was you, and that mummified teddy bear that I got you for Christmas, all i could do was compose the speech that i would leave on your machine.

during the first moment when I had to actually think about death, and I could feel that same sharp pain in my lower back, that twinge from waking up in a U-Haul coming into Kansas City at 4:30 a.m., and slowly accepting the fact that it's only been a year, and not really even that,

the first thought goes to the baths, and letting all the older men jack me off as we watched the videos, all i could do was beat myself up for the selfish turns on the corner toward decatur street.

when the sound of the hog and grain report fades in and out of those dusty corners of my brain, just like it did on the morning I was home again, and I try to tell my mother to sit down first.

I think of the wedding, and how I had to straighten your tie. all i can wonder and dream about are the vows i wrote, and why i didn't believe.

when I see that child in the mirror, the one with the dreams of old age, and finding that perfect one, and I remember the last time that a man held me, as all the pamphlets stare, and I learn that this is just another numbers game.

I whisper your name with mine again. just like the old days. I see your face again, with that three day growth. I think of you.

and I see the Omaha skyline, and I count the days.

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MAKING ALLIES OF MARRIED GAYS

by Scott Lowther

In 1989 I became an official member of the gay community. My debut did not occur amidst fanfare or any type of formal indoctrination; rather, it was simultaneously the most painful and frightening period of my life. I was 31 years old, having been married for 10 years, and the father of a 6-year-old son.

These facts were the testimonial evidence of a life forever altered in exchange for the possibility of a new, hopefully more honest life as a gay man. "Coming out" at that stage in my life meant giving up everything I understood about my life. It meant a painful and expensive divorce from a woman who, for the preceding 10 years, had been my wife. It meant moving out of the home we purchased and decorated together. It meant leaving my son, Nicholas, behind at a time when I was barely able to explain this "need" to myself, much less a 6-year-old boy.

As the life I had known came crashing down around me after what, for a time, seemed like a whimsical revelation about myself, I wondered how I would ever survive. I recall the weeks of utter numbness I experienced, my body's attempt to insulate me from the shock. Throughout this period I was inundated with probing questions from my family who, although well-wishing, were relentless in their search for information about what was happening.

Before I could even begin to focus on what it meant to be gay, how to meet other gay people, or whether or not I was even making the right decision, I was "out," separated, and bitterly alone. Any emotional energy I had was focused on trying to comfort my ex-wife, son, and family.

It would be several months before I would be able to begin processing what being gay was all about.

I share this story, not because it is unique, but because it isn't. During the past several years, as I have continued the process of attempting to become an affirmed, emotionally healthy gay man, I have encountered many other pilgrims of heterosexual marriage. In fact, through my own non-scientific observations, I would estimate that perhaps 30 to 40% of the gay men age 30 and above I've met were once married, many of whom have children. *Genie* magazine recently estimated that "there are as many as 3 to 8 million gay parents raising 16 to 18 million children" in the United States. This figure does not include the presumably larger majority who are non-custodial parents.

This article will not attempt to analyze the reasons for these marriages, although I will offer some potential explanations. I believe most gay people contrary to what the press and "religious wrong" portray in their propaganda, are pro-social individuals. We are raised in a straight society by straight parents while realizing we're different. One way we compensate for our alternative sexual and affective orientation is to behave in ways that the majority prescribes. For many, this includes our families' overt and covert expectation that we marry and raise a family.

Additionally, as the 1950's Kinsey sexuality study suggested, most people's sexuality occurs along a continuum, with very few individuals polarized as exclusively homosexual or heterosexual. If sexual orientation is viewed in this relatively flexible fashion, the reality that

many gays, lesbians and yes, bisexuals, exhibit different types of sexual experiences at different times in their lives may simply be supportive evidence of Kinsey's research conducted over 40 years ago. I'm sure there are a multitude of other potential explanations; however, in my opinion, it is more important that we in the gay community realize that no one is ever a member of our ranks without some type of painful coming out experience. Some of us have taken the longer (though not necessarily more scenic) route to our eventual destination as a card-carrying gay person, and since our community prides itself on its inclusivity, I think we need to love, support and care for our newest members, regardless of their method of arrival.

Individuals who are forced to endure the simultaneous pain of a departure from a former life as a "heterosexual" at the same time they're attempting to deal with the new rules of life as a homosexual will only survive this ordeal with our help. Brian McNaught who wrote *On Being Gay* coined the phrase "making allies of married gays." I like the way that sounds. After all, making allies in a hostile world is what happiness and serenity are all about.

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ANOTHER MOTHER'S MARCH

By Marian M.

The big march in Washington on April 25 wasn't the only march that day. In Logan, Utah about 200 Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual people and friends marched against equal opposition as they expressed outrage of the local newspaper's decision not to print the *For Better or For Worse* comic strip concerning homosexuality. This is very much a civil rights issue.

"For a few seconds both sides met face to face as counter-demonstrators blocked the sidewalk in front of the newspaper. Police quickly cleared a path as the songs and banners of gay rights supporters were met with condemnations and Bible verses from their opponents. No violence broke out during the brief, but tense, confrontation."

Marian, her daughter and son-in-law and 7-month old Katie were part of the G/L group. I (Marian) was in Logan to spend a little fun time with our youngest granddaughter and her big brother and to enjoy a few days amid the mountains of northern Utah.

As we marched through the opposition, we were grateful for the police who kept the threatening presence of some skin heads under control (with their confederate flags, Nazi symbols, clubs, etc.) and allowed us to pass through the jeering crowd. But, it was the tense, pale faces of the children with their "Don't Recruit Us" signs and the praying preacher that suddenly made me angry. Angry that we had to walk through such hatred. Angry to waste such a beautiful day and expose our babies to such a crowd. Angry to feel, even for a short time, fear. Angry that there was only a handful of parents there and most of them had very small children and babies. Where were the old and middle-aged

parents? Where are the Lincoln parents of gay children and why do we have to go to Washington, D.C. to make any impact?

What if **MOST** of the one million marchers had been parents? Would that have made a difference? You bet it would—we are heterosexuals—most white—the power structure—we need you and you need us and we need to be working together. But my anger didn't last long. Pride and love for all those brave, beautiful young people who came to stand up and be counted when it really mattered overwhelmed my other feelings—and remains today. We are all surely blessed who have gay members in our families.

Ways to stand up and be counted:

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- * Make telephone calls to Senators.
- * Read and be informed on Gay issues.
- * Give generously to groups who are supportive of these issues.
- * Join your local PFLAG.
- * Come out of the closet. If our kids can, surely we can join them.

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Activists from the March on Washington will be energized to initiate new projects and legislation at home. Sue Hyde is serving as a consultant fielding calls regarding local organizing and tracking local legislature. If you have questions about organizing, need advice, or are trying to pass local legislation, call Sue Hyde at the NGLTF organizers' hotline (202) 332-6483, ext. 3357.

MARCHING

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All up there
The sky beyond so close

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Our sight lifts us upward
We are flying now

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Huge show and tell of us
We believe we think we know
The sweet uniqueness of ourselves

Now you can see we are so lovely

Our hearts heavy now and then
Those we carry inside us
The banners are tiring us
Dropping anything is not an option
All must be held up for the marching

Eyes looking upward always
Restfulness of the air warm with kisses of those forgiving themselves

The corner is turned
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CLEANING OUT MY CLOSET: CROSS DRESSER

by Shelley Roberts

Your jaw would have dropped into your corsage too, if you'd been there. We thought maybe she'd had a sex-change operation.

A.D. wore a dress to the dance!

I don't know AD all that well. We nod at each other at parties and board meetings. You know who she is. You have the same conversation with her each and every time you meet. You could push the tape recorder on the old conversation and the voice print would give you a word-for-word match.

"Hey." "Hey."

"How's work?" "Great."

"How's writing?" "Great."

(Meeting Version:) "Fund Raising on the agenda, tonight?" "What else?"

(Party Version:;) "I'd skip the herring and peanut butter hors d'oeuvres if I were you."

"Good thought."

AD isn't her real name. It's not even close. Not Anna Diane. Or Alice Denise. Not even a contraction of Angel Darling left behind in some romantic aftermath. Rumor has it it's a moniker AD picked up in the Lesbian Wars from some drinkin' sidekicks, and that it really stands for "Absolutely Dyke." It's all I've ever called her.

We're not like chest-to-chest chums or anything. But we know each other. We're so consistently at the same functions that you can feel a difference in the room temperature if one of us is missing. But the thing of it is, even if she weren't in the room, with AD, you always knew *who* she would have been if she had showed up. A lesbian in pants. An absolute six-to-eight on the B side of the Butch/Femme scale.

Not a stereotype or anything. No jeans belted under beer belly. No leather jacket and Harley hog listing to port in the local ladies' bar parking lot. Just *Yuppie dressed to the nines*. Dyke Fashion. We could have called her DF, instead. A corporate type who always made drag seem like fashion. Or the other way around. Expensive. Tailored. Pleated wool pants. Silk Shirts. Blazers. Expensive, acceptable, aggressive Yuppie. Could fit in just fine at a client or committee meeting.

At the Holiday Dinner she wore a 3 piece man's suit. A real one. Shirt and tie. It was New York fashion that particular forty seconds. So you could tell it wasn't about doing anybody's impersonation. Just AD unleashing her American Express card in the local Lord & Taylor in her wicked idea of irony. Some faggot's idea of an underground Madonna joke. So AD figured she could do it too. And she could. She was one of the few of us who could walk the edge of Fashion Plaza without either climbing into cliché or engendering dyke derision, and get away with it. But, of course, she *always* did it in pants.

Then she wore a dress to the dance.

What else can I tell you? Of course. About the divorce. AD was suddenly single. That must have had something to do with the make-over. Still, it didn't fully explain the dress. It wasn't something she just happened to find in the back of the closet saved for Congressional confirmation hearings or anything. Definitely not like anything you'd expect to see on Janet Reno.

It was red. And it made the pheromones fly. Cut up to the knees, and down way below caution. It actually *swirled*. Everyone could see that AD had legs. And make up Way Bandy could have happily claimed if he hadn't been dead. Something different about the hair. Perfume without the faintest evanescence of eau to Brut. And an electric smile in the *on* position, studied somewhere in the back pages of *Penthouse*. It

made whole parts of normally immune people, suddenly pointy and hard.

I've only seen it once before. A long, long time ago at an LA party in the so far back seventies when I'd been out for mere minutes. Ellie was the bluestich lady I'd even met in my six months of active observation while I waited for my initiator to give up living in Europe and come home. I had lots of time to watch and learn what it was that I expected to be if I were planning to be a lesbian when I grew up. I watched Ellie. And the steady stream of ultra-eyelashed beauties she preferred to escort. She ranked right up there on the scale in the eight-nine's. She was lighting cigarettes left and right, opening doors, and dancing forwards till hell wouldn't have it.

Then Francoise strode in the door from Paris. "Butch" defined by Cary Grant and Natalie Barnie. A lady I'd read about in books I had to go into bad parts of town to buy. When she passed, your shoelaces short of melted. So did Ellie's body language. Her hips widened. Breasts pushed a little out. A little upper. Shoulders tilted and eyes did a perfect Lauren Bacall. She extracted a Marlboro from her pack, and offered it up for sacrifice to Francoise's silver Dunhill. It was a ritual dance between two old never-been lovers. A tease. An unfulfilled flirt. It's transformation took seconds. The shock of watching it lasted my lifetime. Then Francoise surged into the next room, and Ellie's body settled squarely back onto her stolid hips, swagger restored. And I removed my jaw from my scotch glass.

It was the kind of transformation I thought of when I saw AD flow onto the dance floor in that dress. The red one. Cut above the knee and plunging open to all the possibilities.

Married ladies more than subtly escorted males in the other direction on instinct. Out of harm's way just in case. Women you knew who never acted that way, blushed deep into their cowboy shirts and drifted closer. She had had an amazing clothes-change operation.

And I begin to wonder where I could get a dress like that. And if I wore it to a dance, whether my friends would be so surprised.

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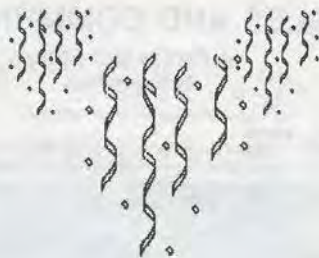
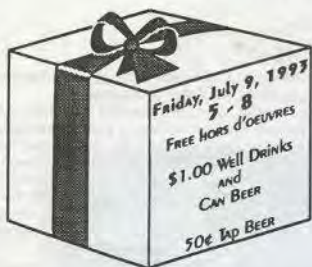
A lesbian and gay human rights advocacy group - the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA)—was granted roster consultative status as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (EcoSoc).

The approval for consultative status represents a compromise victory, however. ILGA had requested approval for Category II, which would have bestowed approval for the group to speak as well as submit papers. In 1991, ILGA became the first lesbian and gay group to be accepted as an affiliate Non-Governmental Organization with the Department of Public Information (DPI). As such, Center ILGA represented the worldwide ILGA membership at weekly NGO briefings at the UN. This "observer" status was a critical step toward approval of consultative status, which permits ILGA a more active role, and increase its potential for impact on UN affairs. As a consultative representative, ILGA may submit written proposals to further its goal of including lesbian and gay rights in the United Nations human rights agenda. Founded in Europe in 1978, the International Lesbian and Gay Association was conceived as a worldwide, interactive network of grassroots organizations to overcome legal, social, cultural and economic discrimination on a global level. Today, there are over 300 ILGA members (both organizational and individual) in more than 60 countries on all five continents.

ARIZONA NEXT IN LINE

Arizonans for Traditional Values just announced it will launch a Colorado-style anti-gay initiative July 1. The organization claims to have 7,000 volunteers ready to gather signatures and advance the statewide measure for a 1994 vote. The Arizona Human Rights Fund, a political action committee offspring of the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project, is mobilizing to defeat the initiative. Arizona will join seven other states where ballot measures have already been filed and signatures are being gathered. Those states are Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Michigan, California, Florida, and Maine. The group needs resources, volunteers and more. Contact Arizona Human Rights Fund at P.O. Box 26, Phoenix, AZ 85001-0026. (602) 530-1660. The contact there is Peter Crozier.





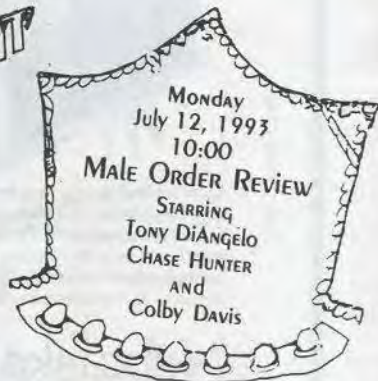
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TRIANGLES AND COMMUNITY PRIDE

A Part of Our Story

by Karen Pepe

Pink triangle. Black triangle. Both are symbols of oppression that have been reclaimed in strength and pride by the contemporary queer nation.

Most people are aware that gay men were arrested, placed in Nazi concentration camps, and subjected to almost incomprehensible atrocities of body and spirit. These men were identified by an inverted pink triangle sewn on their prison-issued clothing. While there are no exact figures, it is known that between 20,000 and 50,000 gay men were arrested for the "crime" of homosexuality during the 12 years of Nazi domination. The number of gay men who may

have been arrested for other "offenses" is not known.

It was in memory of these gay men, most of whom did not survive the barbaric work camps, that the contemporary gay movement adopted the pink triangle to remind us Never Again, Never Forget.

The story of lesbians in Nazi Germany is markedly murkier than what we know about gay males. This perhaps explains why the story of the black triangle and its possible relationship to the queer community is also less well known.

What is known is that:
...a strong and vocal women's movement

flourished in pre-Nazi Germany. Lesbians were clearly a part of that movement.

...the Nazi Party created a doctrine which adhered to a strict division of purpose and behavior based on one's sex. In 1921, eleven years before the Nazis came to full power, it was decreed that no women be allowed to hold office in the Nazi Party. Women were to support a policy of "Kinder, Küche, Kirche" ("children, kitchen, church") and the Nazis eventually created monetary incentives for women who married, left the workplace, and had children. This program was perhaps especially appealing in Germany's inflation-ridden economy.

...in 1933, the Nazis strengthened the penal code on male homosexuality and were rumored to have considered inclusion of lesbian activity as "criminal". This did not occur.

...the Nazis freely arrested any individual perceived as a threat to Party power and placed them in concentration camps where they were systematically categorized using colored triangles assigned according to their alleged "crime". The Nazis originally identified gay men by a yellow "A" (meaning "assfucker") and eventually chose the inverted pink triangle to reinforce the stereotype of gay males as woman-like. "Prostitutes" and others deemed as "anti-socials" or misfits were given inverted black triangles. The women of the black triangles were frequently forced into sexual acts with male camp personnel.

...a lesbian survivor, in a 1991 published interview, acknowledged that lesbians were present in the camps and that some, herself included, were made to wear black triangles.

What might be speculated from these facts is that the Nazis' perverse world view regarding women and their "proper roles" could have supported a "line of reasoning" that one way to "cure" suspected lesbians (or ardent feminists) was to label them as "prostitutes" and force them to engage sexually with "real" men. Historically, patriarchy has tried to discredit women of power by labeling them as "prostitutes" or "lesbians" — assuming that this label would encourage others to ostracize these individuals. Perhaps the value is as a reminder that we continue our commitment to inclusivity and visibility both within the queer community and as we interact with patriarchal culture. As we seek to honor the diversity that is our queer family, may we use the pink and black triangles to remind us that all our lives and all our stories must **Never Be Forgotten** if atrocities of the past are to be **Never Again**.

Your comments/questions are welcome:
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MYTH: PEDOPHILES

One of the most pernicious myths about homosexuals is that they are frequently child molesters — a charge that is sometimes stated directly and is often an unstated assumption. In fact, the number of pedophiles who are also involved in sexual relations with adults of their own gender is exceedingly small. A 1992 study by Children's Hospital in Denver found that "a child is 100 times more likely to be molested by a family member than by a homosexual", according to the *Denver Post* (9/28/92). "Only one of the 387 cases likely involving a gay perpetrator. Overwhelmingly, boys and girls alike said they were abused by heterosexual men; overwhelmingly, those men were family members." —Jim Naureckas from *EXTRA!*


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NATIONAL NEWS

JOURNAL REFUSES AD FOR GAY PHYSICIANS

San Francisco — The nation's most widely circulated medical journal has refused to accept an advertisement from a national gay and lesbian medical society, according to the physician's group. The San Francisco-based American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) had attempted to place a full-page \$7,000 ad in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* warning physicians about the negative medical consequences of homophobia. *JAMA* rejected the ad, claiming in a written statement that its content was "political" and "not scientific". Noting the *JAMA* accepted ads this year from such advertisers as Kellogg's and McDonald's, AAPHR Executive Director Benjamin Schatz, Esq., commented that "It's absurd for a publication that has accepted ads extolling the health benefits of Cocoa Crispiers and fast food to reject an ad from a physician's group as unscientific."

The fact is that our ad was a sober, scientific discussion of pressing health issues such as teenage suicide, anti-gay violence, substance abuse and misdiagnosis of gay patients by poorly informed physicians."

Schatz also refuted *JAMA's* claim that it accepts only ads that are apolitical, noting that the journal has featured several ads this year from the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association criticizing drug price controls and from the military, recruiting physicians.

LEAGUE'S SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

From May 19-22 the Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay United Employees at AT&T (LEAGUE) held their second International Professional Development Conference. This year's successful conference was held at the Washington Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC. Over 200 AT&T employees attended the three day seminar.

Congressman Garry Studds (D-MA) made an appearance at the Banquet and AT&T Group Executive Robert Kavner was a keynote speaker.

Guest speakers included: Brian McNaught, nationally recognized educator or lesbian and gay issues; Mandy Carter, of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF); Ann Northrop, board member of the Gay Games; Polly Laurrelchild-Herig of Lotus Development Corporation; Linda Villarosa, Senior Editor of *Essence Magazine* and Rabbi David Horowitz from Akron, Ohio PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

The speakers addressed a variety of topics including: Quality and Diversity, Domestic Partner Benefits, Combating Homophobia, HIV in the Workplace, and Public Speaking Skills.

The first annual conference was held in Orlando, Florida in 1992 and LEAGUE is planning the 1994 conference to be held in Boston, Massachusetts. Any conference related questions can be answered by John Klenert on (301) 608-4594. If you have any questions about LEAGUE, please call Arturo Nava on (508) 960-6795 or Kathleen Dermody on (908) 658-6013.

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COMPELLING REASON FOR LIFTING BAN

by Scott Shuger

Special to the Washington Post

When the controversy over the military's ban on homosexuals erupted in the first days of the Clinton administration, America heard opinions on the matter from official Washington, the President and the pundits, the leaders of the religious right and homosexual interest groups. But one voice you didn't hear was Larry Meholick's. The story of how U.S. military officials silenced Meholick is one of the most compelling reasons I know for why the ban should be overturned right now.

Larry Meholick is a homosexual, but he's not a walk-on-water homosexual role model like Army nurse Margarette Cammermeyer or Navy pilot Tracy Thorne, both of whom received plenty of coverage as the ban caught the media's eye. His story is more typical of how the military's ban on homosexual breeds injustice.

In the 1960's Mr. Meholick served 18 months of combat duty in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne and won the Bronze Star. After the war, he received an accounting degree from Penn State and went to work with Rockwell International. He was laid off in 1982 and joined the navy, eventually rising in 1989 to head disbursing clerk on the USS Robert E. Perry.

In 1990, Mr. Meholick's private life came to the attention of his superiors. When off-duty in Pearl Harbor, Mr. Meholick (who says he's bisexual) occasionally invited other sailors from the Perry back to his house for drinking and sex. Three of those crew members made allegations of forcible sodomy against Mr. Meholick. Mr. Meholick admits that he had sex with each man but insists it was consensual. He says that two of the men made the charges because of difficulties they had with him, their military superior, at work, and that the third did so as a way of getting out of paying back a loan.

Facing 54 years in the brig, Mr. Meholick tried to kill himself with a hunting knife. He didn't die. In the hospital, his military lawyer brought him a plea bargain; if he pleaded guilty to one county of consensual sodomy and two counts of forcible sodomy, he would be dishonorably discharged and his sentence would be reduced to 12 years. Loaded up with anti-depressant medication, Mr. Meholick signed. A few days later, still medicated, Mr. Meholick was taken out of the ward for his court martial. The judge accepted the plea bargain, although he effectively limited the prison sentence to six years.

Mr. Meholick was transferred to the Pearl

Harbor brig, where he was strip-searched and the guards yelled, "Faggot! Queer! and worse at him. He spent the first three days there in a cell with no bedding, sleeping on the floor, naked except for a paper gown. He was later transferred to the Navy Consolidated Brig at the Miramar air station outside of San Diego.

"Do you think I deserve six years?" Mr. Meholick asked me when I visited him last year at the Miramar brig, not far from the two-way mirror separating us from watchful guards. I said no. One of Mr. Meholick's accusers had waited six months after the alleged incident before coming forward with his accusation; the other two had waited seven. And their statements are the only evidence in the matter; there is no physical evidence in the case at all, and therefore none showing Mr. Meholick used force. No weapons, no injuries, no torn clothes. Furthermore, at a hearing held prior to the court martial, two of the accusers admitted that they had lied when they previously made sworn statements asserting that Mr. Meholick had forced them to have sex.

Last December, I wrote about Mr. Meholick's case in a piece for the *New Republic* that argued that the ban is unacceptable because inside the culture of the military, with its many young and legally unsophisticated members and its tremendously powerful investigators and commanders, it produces a repressive climate much worse than civilians can imagine.

One night soon after my piece appeared, Mr. Meholick called from the brig to tell me that a local San Diego television station had done a story on him. And shortly after that, I was contacted by a producer for the CBS magazine show *Street Stories* who wanted to get in touch with Mr. Meholick. I made the arrangements and subsequently that producer and a Los Angeles based field producer for the show spoke to Mr. Meholick on the phone several times. It would be hard to overstate the effects these developments had on Mr. Meholick's outlook. "It looks," he told me with an upbeat tone I had never heard in his voice before, "like people will finally be able to see how bad it is."

Mr. Meholick spoke too soon. In a subsequent call, he told me that whereas formerly he could move around the facility relatively unsupervised, he now was being kept under a close watch. He was unable to use the copying machine, which prevented him from sending copies of my article to members of Congress. In fact, Mr. Meholick

told me there was another change: a guard standing right next to him while he was making the phone call to me.

Then I didn't hear from Mr. Meholick for a while—until I got a call from him about three weeks ago. He told me that he'd been taken off his regular prison job, had his regular phone privileges suspended, was put in isolation and was told he was about to be shipped to the Army's maximum security prison at Fort Leavenworth. Shortly after that call, Mr. Meholick, a model prisoner, was indeed moved to the Kansas prison.

This might make some sense if the Miramar brig was about to be shut down or if it were full. But it's not and it isn't. On the other hand, consider what a very depressed Larry Meholick told me a week ago when he called me from Fort Leavenworth: In handcuffs attached to a belly chains, he was escorted to the San Diego airport by three guards. One of the escorts told Meholick that if there were any cameras at the airport, they were taking him right back to the brig. When none appeared and it became clear the transfer would go through, this same jailer said, "Maybe now the administration at the brig won't have to do so much letter-writing to senators."

I think it's fair to say that Mr. Meholick's transfer to Leavenworth is suspicious. But there's a bigger point that's beyond question: The military's ban on homosexuals inevitably leads to gross violations of individual rights. You may not approve of Meholick's lifestyle. I don't. But the true definition of sexual perversion is the policy that put him in a maximum security prison.

The writer is a contributing editor of *Washington Monthly*.

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MOVING THE MOON:

Sharing the Story of HIV

Personal letters telling others about positive HIV status are sought for a book tentatively titled *Moving the Moon*. The anthology is being compiled by Meg Umans, who edited *Like Coming Home: Coming-out Letters*, published in 1988.

Umans said the book is intended as much for people who don't know about living with HIV, as for people coming to grips with HIV. *Like Coming Home* was published to help people deal with telling others about being gay or lesbian, Umans added. "I hope this new book will help people understand the social and personal challenges of living with HIV."

Letters sought for the new anthology include those telling someone else about one's positive HIV status. Responses to those letters are also welcome, as are letters that were never written and recounts of conversations in which HIV positive status was disclosed. Contributions can be as long or as short as needed.

Contributors are welcome to use a pseudonym, but Umans will need to have real names and addresses. Letters may be edited for clarity and privacy. The deadline for contributions is December 31, 1993. Contributors should include a self-addressed stamped envelope if they have questions or would like acknowledgement of their contribution. Payment will be a copy of the published anthology.

Umans, currently on the staff of the Arizona AIDS Information Line, is a counselor in private practice. She owned and operated Humanspace, a small alternate bookstore, for more than seven years. For more information, or to make a contribution to the new anthology, write to: *Moving the Moon*, 2447 East Coronado Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85008.

MARKERS OF AIDS-FREE TIME

Measurements of certain factors in the blood of HIV infected men can help scientists determine the amount of AIDS-free time a person might have. In the investigation, researchers examined four groups of HIV-infected men: those who became HIV-infected and developed AIDS in less than three years, those who became HIV-infected but did not develop AIDS after six years or more, those who entered the study with HIV infection but did not have any declines in the immune system cell, CD4+ T cell, which HIV targets and kills, and those already infected who have had a moderate drop in CD4+ T cells during the six years of follow-up. The scientists found the HIV protein, p24, in only 17 percent of the men who did not develop AIDS compared to 55 percent of those who developed AIDS rapidly. Similarly, 10 percent of the men with stable CD4+ T cells had measurable p24 compared to 40 percent of those with moderate declines. Furthermore, AIDS-free men had higher levels of antibodies against p24. Measures of viral RNA confirmed the findings.

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The drug atovaquone is a well-tolerated treatment for a common and deadly AIDS-related pneumonia, and offers HIV-infected patients unable to tolerate the side effects of the standard therapy an effective treatment alternative, according to a study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Burroughs Wellcome Co., the Wellcome Foundation and the California Collaborative Treatment Group. Reporting in the May 27 *New England Journal of Medicine*, the study investigators conclude that oral atovaquone is a useful treatment alternative for patients with mild to moderately severe *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia (PCP) who cannot tolerate the first-line PCP therapy, trimethoprim and sulfamethoxazole (TMP/SMX). At least 20 percent of the people with AIDS-related PCP treated with TMP/SMX experience serious side effects. Another PCP drug, injectable pentamidine, also is toxic to a significant number of patients. PCP is the most frequent and one of the most serious opportunistic infections affecting people with AIDS. The disease is caused by a common microscopic organism that rarely causes disease in persons with healthy immune systems, but devastates the lungs, and occasionally other organs, of persons whose immune systems are weakened by HIV. Early symptoms include dry cough and fever, and as the infection progresses, shortness of breath and weight loss. Untreated, PCP causes respiratory failure and almost always is fatal. Atovaquone (formerly called 566C80) is a broad-spectrum antibiotic originally developed to treat malaria. The drug is manufactured by Burroughs Wellcome Co.

HIV AND AIDS RESEARCH Screening Test for HIV Catches Early Infection

A blood test that looks for a protein part of HIV called p24 can help detect newly infected patients, allowing them to work with health care providers to pursue appropriate treatment. In a study of 2,120 blood samples taken from adults treated in the Emergency Medicine Department of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, NIAID-supported investigators found that the p24 test detected HIV infections in six patients who did not yet show antibodies to the virus. Standard HIV screening tests that rely on HIV antibodies, such as ELISA, did not detect the infections.

Unlike HIV antibodies, which can develop from two to six months after infection, p24 is present in blood in measurable levels during the first six weeks and at the end stage of infection. In addition to the six patients, the study investigators detected with the p24 test two patients with end-stage disease. Patients with p24, but without HIV antibodies are seen at low, but significant frequency in emergency departments (ED) in high-risk areas, the investigators conclude.

Newly infected patients have primary or acute HIV infection and can develop symptoms similar to the flu or mononucleosis or skin rash, diarrhea or neurological complications.

Note: NIAID is conducting a study, Division of AIDS Treatment Research Initiative (DATRI) 002, to see if AZT therapy will benefit such newly infected people. Call 800-TRIALS-A for more information.

SMOKING DRUGS ASSOCIATED WITH PNEUMONIA IN HIV PATIENTS

Smoking crack, marijuana or other drugs, not tobacco, is significantly associated with bacterial pneumonia among HIV-infected individuals, report NIH researchers. The findings do not support prior suggestions that drug users could reduce their risk of HIV infection by switching from injecting to smoking drugs. Furthermore, investigators suggest that health care providers must account for use of such drugs by HIV-infected patients when prescribing pneumonia-prevention therapies.

The results stem from the AIDS Links to Intravenous Drug Experience (ALIVE) study which follows 2,921 injection drug users at risk for or already infected with HIV. Based at the John Hopkins School of Public Health, ALIVE is supported by the National Institute of Drug Abuse and NIAID. When ALIVE began in 1988, 24 percent of the participants had HIV.

Also predictive of pneumonia among study patients: levels of the immune system CD4+ T cells of 200 or less per cubic millimeter of blood and age between 30 to 40 years. HIV targets and kills CD4+ T cells. For this study, investigators matched 40 patients who had pneumonia with 197 who did not from a group of HIV-infected drug users participating in the cohort study since 1988. More than 87 percent of the group smoked tobacco cigarettes.

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NIH REAUTHORIZATION LEGISLATION: REFORM MARRED BY ATTACK ON IMMIGRANTS

New hopes for a better coordinated federal AIDS research effort emerged with the passage by the House of Representatives of the conference report on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Reauthorization Act.

This important measure will lay the groundwork for a much needed restructuring of AIDS research and was greeted with great enthusiasm from AIDS researchers and advocates. This victory for AIDS research was marred, however, by a setback in long-standing efforts to lift the U.S. ban on immigrants who are infected with HIV.

"We are thrilled that Congress has finally taken seriously the need to place more emphasis on the Office of AIDS Research (OAR), easing its funding processes and providing more direction," said AIDS Action Council Executive Director Dan Bross. "We are pleased that OAR will have its own director, that an advisory council will be established and that institute-based coordinating committees will be put in place. After over 11 years of cobbled-together AIDS research efforts, there is finally a serious commitment to ongoing AIDS research. AIDS communities, however, are forced after a bitter fight to accept the repressive McCullom amendment, which is a ban on immigrants living with HIV/AIDS."

Such a ban has been condemned by international health experts as motivated by political considerations and having little scientific basis. "These provisions do not treat people with HIV in a fair manner," noted Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA) during debate on the House floor. "If it were a question of costs, the public charge provisions would have been used. If it were a question of public health, the public health provisions could have been used. It was neither of these. It was a question of discrimination."

"We spent months trying to get Congress to do the right thing. It became clear during our extensive lobbying efforts, however, that congressional support for the ban was overwhelming," lamented AIDS Action Legislative Counsel Aimee Berenson. "We will continue to press Congress to reform our health care system and increase funding for AIDS care, research and prevention. Some cling to spurious arguments that the inability of this country to guarantee health care for all people with HIV is a basis for barring HIV-infected immigrants from coming here. No one should be able to use these excuses for discrimination."

Berenson noted that the Clinton administration took a "hands off" approach throughout the congressional debate on this issue, despite its early commitment to lifting of the ban. "AIDS Action Council will not let the administration walk away from this issue altogether. We intend to continue to press the administration to use all of its powers to end discrimination in immigration policy and to immediately grant humanitarian parole to all HIV-infected Haitians and their families currently being held on Guantanamo Bay," Berenson promised.

AIDS Action Council, founded in 1984 is the only national organization devoted solely to lobbying the federal government on AIDS policy, legislation and funding. AIDS Action Council represents more than 900 community-based AIDS service organizations located throughout the United States.

STUDDS: BIODIVERSITY MAY HOLD KEY TO AIDS AND OTHER DISEASES

Congressman Gerry Studds declared the Endangered Species Act vital to preserving both threatened animal species and a host of natural medicinal agents that could yield treatment for AIDS and other major diseases.

Studds introduced legislation reauthorizing the Act, which is designed to provide more effective protection for threatened and endangered species by encouraging earlier conservation efforts, and by focusing on the fragile ecosystems on which endangered plants and animals depend for their survival.

Studds stressed the practical relevance of species diversity for current efforts to eradicate AIDS and other diseases. He cited the recent case of *calanolide A*, a potent anti-HIV compound derived from a tree discovered in a tropical swamp forest in Malaysia. Laboratory tests of samples collected from the *Calophyllum lanigerum* tree were found to be 100 percent effective in preventing the replication of the HIV-1 virus. On the basis of the preliminary research, the National Cancer Institute decided to proceed with pre-clinical drug development, and sent a team of collectors back to Malaysia to retrieve more material from the tree. When they arrived, they discovered that the tree had been cut down. Despite an extensive search, scientists have not yet succeeded in finding another tree that yields the anti-HIV extract.

"Such scenarios may be occurring every day, as species vanish whose medicinal properties have not even been discovered yet," said Studds. "We may never know if a single tree in the forests of Malaysia held the secret of a cure for AIDS. When a life form ceases to exist, its potential to contribute to the richness of our world forever vanishes. The tragedy is infinitely greater when the

species that is lost might have saved human lives." For Congressman Studds, who chairs the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and also serves on the House Health Subcommittee, the linkage between conservation efforts and medical research is not a new concern. In 1992, he authored the Pacific Yew Act, which preserved an endangered species of tree whose bark is essential to the production of Taxol, a promising treatment for breast and ovarian cancer.

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On June 12, an estimated 400 women gathered for the first ever women's festival to be held in the Omaha area. WomenSpace, organizer of the event, had leased the barn and grounds of Terra Jane (a gracious bed and breakfast located east of Council Bluffs) for the event and this setting proved to be ideal for the gathering.

The day began with a round robin Sand Volleyball Tournament. Country/Western Dance lessons and readings by the delightfully funny author, Ellen Orleans, followed. Throughout the day organizations, artisans, and vendors had crystals, jewelry, tee-shirts, handmade crafts, leather goods, buttons, books, amulets, and women's music for sale.

The evening brought the music and comedy of Jamie Anderson to the stage. Jamie's lighthearted look at life and her lively music were the perfect lead-in to the dance that ended the evening.

A tip of the hat to WomenSpace Productions and Terra Jane for their hard work. It certainly resulted in a gathering that was first rate.

GRAND ISLAND PICNIC & SCAVENGER HUNT

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska (GLAGN) will be hosting a Picnic and Scavenger Hunt on July 18 at the Hall County Park in Grand Island. The picnic will last from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and will include a pot luck picnic, volleyball, softball, and frisbee in addition to the great time spent with friends.

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LOCAL NEWS

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JD Laufman — Mr Minnesota Drummer 1993
Mark Warner — 1st Runner Up Minnesota
Mike Reese — Mr St. Louis Drummer 1993
John Napoli — 2nd Runner Up St. Louis
Kevin Jones — Mr Omaha Drummer 1993
Mark Withrow — 1st Runner Up Omaha
Dusty Sanders — Mr Iowa Drummer 1993
Jeff Baumgarten — 1st Runner Up Iowa
Joe Kraly — Mr Kansas City Drummer 1993
Shawn McKay — Mr Mid America Leather 93

Contestants were judged in prejudging interview, jockstrap competition, presentation of their fantasy, and full leather question and answer. Judges for this year's contest were:

Amy Marie Meek —
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Bob Ewing —
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Gregg Hurt — Mr Missouri Leather 1993
Greg Lowe —
Mr Rocky Mountain Drummer 1990
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Mr. Gay Nebraska 1987

June 11th started with a "Meet the Contestants" party at DC's in Omaha, where the contestants drew their numbers for the line-up in contest and made their speeches. June 12, the action moved to the MAX, one of Omaha's finest bars, for the competition. Spectators were present from throughout the region to cheer on their favorites.

The Great Plains Region consists of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The results of the contest were:
2nd Runner Up — Mike Reese — St. Louis
1st Runner Up — JD Laufman — St. Paul
Mr Great Plains Drummer 1993 —

Joe Kraly — Kansas City, Missouri
Joe Kraly will be representing our region at the International Mr Drummer finals to be held in September in San Francisco, California. Make your plans now to be there to help root Joe on as he tries to become the third leatherman in a row from the Great Plains Region to capture the International Title. For more information about the contest, please contact "Drummer" at (415) 252-1195. To book appearances for Joe Kraly, please contact:

Fantasy Productions
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"QUEEN SPECIALS & FREE BEER" FROM THE NEW RUN BAR

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July 4th, Sunday, the New Run opens at "noon" for the Bar's in house "Freedom Picnic and Special Beer Bust — All Day Long — Hot Dogs and all the fixings... Come on down to the "Coldest Beer In Town" No Kidding... Our Keg Cooler is set at 32 degrees "Brrrrrrr" "Yummy for your tummy"... and don't forget those tastebuds... with ICE COLD Budweiser!!!!

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RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS CONCERT: IN BLACK & WHITE by B & G

"Songs of Struggle, Freedom, and Hope" was the theme that John Bennett and the River City Mixed Chorus used for their spring concert on May 22 at the Struss Performing Arts Center at UNO.

As with their last concert, it was a packed house with folding chairs set up. As the last person was seated, the chorus came to the stage with much applause. Enter Jonathan Swoboda, pianist, and John J. Bennett, conductor, and beautiful evening of music begins.

The first set entitled "Songs of Struggle and Hope" ranged from the light and airy *Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit* to the depressed *Go Down, Moses*, to the spiritual *Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name*.

The second set "Songs of Yearning for Freedom" consisted of the West Indian lullaby *All My Trials* and a Czech-Slovak folksong *Waters Ripple and Flow* which was beautifully done. The first half of the show ended with the very dramatic *Song of Democracy*.

After a brief intermission, the second half of the evening started with "Songs of Love and Peace" which featured *You Are The New Day*, *The Tree of Peace*, *Ya Ba Bom*, and one of the

any day after 2pm...ask for "Mark"! Rumor has it that Gary West has a team... Let's hope he calls real soon... Along with Volleyball comes some Nasty Sun burns so keep you lotion and sun block #87 handy... Maybe David or Dan will help rub your lotion to that hard to reach spot... Only Kidding! They'll rub it... "All over your Body..."

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highlights of the evening, the women of the Chorus performing *Wings*. I have been to two other community functions since this concert where *Wings* has been performed and it could never grow old to this reporter.

After hearing *Freedom Is Coming* which included narrations and song, a song of hope *We Shall Overcome* was performed. At the end of this number the Chorus was surprised as many members of the audience waved the freedom colors in the form of plastic streamers on sticks.

The last number, *May Your Sun Forever Shine*, brought the audience to their feet and a banner was dropped from the balcony summing up the feelings of everyone, "You Make Us Proud."

I have heard it stated before that the River City Mixed Chorus is one of our community's biggest assets. Attend the next concert and I'm sure you will agree.

Thanks to the talents of Jonathan Swoboda on Piano, Christine Peck, Sign Language Interpreter, the Magnificent talent of John J. Bennett, and, of course, the beautiful voices of the Chorus Members. "You Make Us Proud!"

MIDWESTERN PREMIERE AT BLUE BARN

The Blue Barn Theatre announces its next ambitious project: the Midwestern premiere of David Drake's new play *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me*.

In this electrifying one person show, a young man, having accepted his homosexuality, must now come to terms with a discriminating and harsh American society. Through drama, humor and music, his powerful story unfolds, culminating in a celebration of his life and culture.

The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me has packed houses in New York City, San Francisco and L.A. Now with the blessings of the author and original producers, Omahans will have the chance to see a joyful play about gay life, a play that rejects the notion of self-hatred and embraces the future with hope.

Show dates and time are July 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. The Blue Barn Theatre is located at 1258 S. 13th St. (1/2 block north of the Bohemian Cafe). Seating is limited. Call 345-1576 for reservations and information.

MCC-O AND RCGA GATHER FOR GENDER ISSUES FORUM

MCC-Omaha opened its social hall doors Sunday, June 13, for a Potluck Dinner and a presentation by members of the River City Gender Alliance. The gathering's purpose was to give community people an opportunity to dialogue and learn more about one another.

Spokeswoman for the group that day was Dr. Krys Dean. Dr. Dean began by asking the group to imagine themselves on a long journey. As the days and weeks and months of the journey pass by, the sojourners' shoes become uncomfortable—so uncomfortable that the traveler comes to recognize that unless he/she changes shoes he/she will no longer be able to continue on this journey. The journey is life, and the travelers are those of us who have recognized that we are men with the bodies of women and women who were born with the bodies of men. So goes the life of the men and women who make up the transgender community.

Following a brief presentation by Dr. Dean, those gathered heard also from Jonie, Claire, and Steve. Both Jonie and Claire described a little about their lives and their coming to the realization and acceptance of who they are. Family, friends, jobs—all have been sacrificed as a part of owning and living who they are. All agreed that the glory of being one in body and mind was worth the sacrifices and suffering they have endured. Steve, uncertain yet where he falls in the realm of gender possibilities, spoke briefly of the questions he has and the struggles he is enduring.

An interesting, but eclectic question/answer period followed as MCCers quizzed their guests on everything from religion to surgery costs to risks of cancer to the availability of surgery to how can MCC-O make the transgender community feel more welcome.

Members of RCGA thanked MCC-Omaha for inviting them to speak, just as the MCCers graciously thanked Dr. Dean, Jonie, Claire, and Steve for sharing so honestly and openly with them.

RCGA meets monthly. For details on how to contact them, check out the *New Voice* Resource Directory.

NEWS FROM MCC-O

by Carla

Ah! July has come at last, and are we ever ready for it! Our pace eases up just a bit here as the temperatures shoot upward.

All the regular groups continue their meetings: the choir, the Tuesday and Saturday Support Groups, Sunday school, the Board of Directors, the worship leaders, etc. The big news is General Conference. Mid-month Rev. Howard, Rev. Hanlon, and our two lay delegates—Pat Phalen and Sharon Van Butsel—head for Phoenix. They're our official representatives for the business part of the conference. Unofficially several other congregation members are also heading west to attend the workshops, seminars, worship services, and just have some fun in the sun. Included in those are Mike, Craig, and Carla—to name a few. Rev. Howard has been working on completing the ordination requirements this past year, and will hopefully be among those pastors ordained by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches at this conference.

MCC-O was proud to be represented by a strong group of marchers in the 1993 Gay/Lesbian/Bi Pride Parade just a week ago. And we were delighted at the number of people who stayed for the Vesper Service following the rally and picnic.

Other special June events included a "surprise" card shower for Rev. Howard and his partner Craig on Sunday, June 13, as the congregation joined with them in celebrating the purchase of a home. That same day we were blessed with a presentation by the River City Gender Alliance (see a related article in this issue). June also brought a repeat performance by HeartSong, a gospel quartet, and, of course, the PRIDE Interfaith Service. Wow! What a time of celebration June has been! And "Thanks" are again in order for the "tons" of food The New Run Bar has been collecting for our pantry. THANKS!

June also was a time of listening and sharing as Rev. Howard spent six evenings meeting with groups from the congregation in "visioning" sessions. MCC-O has doubled the size of its congregation since our move last July. Average attendance runs over 110 each Sunday. The "visioning" sessions puzzled over the questions: Where do we go from here? What do we want from our church? How do we maintain contact with the over 250 different people regularly attending MCC-O each month? How do we build intimacy among the congregation members?

MCC-O invites you to join us any Sunday. Worship begins at 10:20 a.m. The second and fourth Sunday of each month, there is a 7 p.m. Evening Worship Service. Til next month—That's it from my pew! See you in church!



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MCC CRUSADERS TAKE TO THE BALL FIELDS

The MCC Crusaders, sponsored by MCC-Omaha, are enjoying their first season in the Women's Softball Association Class "D" competition. The first game caught the Crusaders off guard and resulted in a 0-15 loss for the women in the lavender MCC T-shirts. Their second opponent seemed unprepared for the Crusaders who found the sweet taste of victory with a 17-0 win. The third game was rained out and the fourth was a 9-15 loss. Then, with the fifth game win of 20-9, the sixth game win of 24-4, and the seventh game win of 16-2, the Crusaders pulled ahead. Their eighth game featured good plays and well placed hits but the effort was not enough and the Crusaders lost 5-10.

The Crusaders play on Thursday evenings and welcome the support of their friends. For information on time and location, call the church office at 345-2563.

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A NEW "ANGLE" IN NEWS

by Stan Brown

My sincere thanks to all who made my Benefit Variety Show at The MAX a big success. An audience of over 200 people enjoyed the diverse talents of my "Family of Pride" as we raised \$739 from the door money, tips, raffle, t-shirts and button sales. Thank you to these performers: Chrystine Sands, Madame X and Troy, Dietra Snow, Ron Walters, Dorian Drake, Monica West, Bill B., Jassmyn Starr, The Tomboys (Sharric & Heidi), Viktoria Towne, Tami Griffith, Steve Koeller, Phoenix Fallentino, RN Hedges, Melissa Morgan, Jennifer Jett, Todd Ruser, and emcee Pat Phalen. Another thank you to these organizations and businesses who donated items for our raffle: *The New Voice*, The MAX, Fantasy Productions, ICON, RCMC, Addendum Jewelry,

BJ's Hair Salon, and International Minute Press (Bellevue) for the flyers. Thanks also to ANGLE members Dave, Becky, Joe, Carla, Sharon, Ron, Jerry, and Brandon. Finally, a big thank you to Don and Bruce, owners of The MAX, Jim, Wayne, Harold, Tom, and all the staff at The MAX.

Besides the Benefit Show, the month of June was very busy for ANGLE members involved with the Recognition Dinner, Interfaith Worship Service, Pride Parade, Rally, and Picnic. Without the hard work and dedication of ANGLE members, these events would not occur, so I send my personal thanks for a job well done. A special thank you to the River City Mixed Chorus, Fritz Bally, International Minute Press (Bellevue), Printing Plus, Royal Security, and other

organizations and businesses who made our Recognition Dinner and Pride month activities successful. (Typist's note: ANGLE also sincerely thanks Inga (Stan) for a wonderful "Family of Pride" fundraiser, and ANGLE thanks Stan and Brandon for all the work they've done this year as our fundraising committee of two!) See a related article elsewhere in the magazine for the complete story on the Recognition Dinner.

ANGLE cannot make these events happen without the support we receive from the community, and we hope to make each year bigger and better with your continued support. Pride does not end in June but continues all year long, so please join us for our meetings every first Tuesday of the month. We meet at 7:00 p.m. at the UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow Blvd. or call 558-5303 for more information.

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HGRA NEWS

by Patrick Williams

HGRA's June meeting was held at DC's on the fifth at 4:00, preceded by a meeting of the board of directors.

The main item of business was the fact that we now have everything ready to forward to IGRA for official recognition and eligibility to participate in all IGRA sanctioned rodeos and other activities. This will be done immediately so that the members attending the upcoming North Star and Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeos will be able to participate.

Upcoming events will be a pool party and potluck in Hastings August 7 in conjunction with our monthly meeting. Maps, motel information and other details will be available at the July meeting. Boots and hats optional! Also at our July meeting, we will begin planning for the Mr./Ms/Miss HGRA contests to be held this fall. Other events include the Great Plains Regional Rodeos in Wichita, August 13-15 and Kansas City, September 3-5.

A big thanks to Joel for manning our booth at the ICON Memorial Day Picnic. He did a great job of promoting HGRA and what we are all about.

Larry and I attended the Great Plains Regional Rodeo in Oklahoma City over Memorial Day weekend and were treated to warm Southern hospitality and exciting rodeo events, featuring a lot of hot cowboys and cowgirls.

Incidentally, even if you are not a rodeo fan, the Habana Inn, a gay resort, is a great place for a vacation any time. Featuring a restaurant and both country and disco bars, prices are reasonable, with a warm and friendly staff. The men would love the "walk of shame" around the two pool courtyards.

Our June beer bust was a success with everyone socializing and enjoying the great munchies and listening and dancing to country music.

Thanks to Shelley Foster for donating her talents as DJ. We wish to extend a warm country welcome to the new members who joined that evening.

The next board of directors meeting will be July 10 at 3:00 followed by the general membership meeting at 4:00 at DC's.

We invite all members of the gay and lesbian community in the region to attend any of our meetings and functions to meet the membership, see what we are all about and decide if you wish to join HGRA.

PARTY TIME!

by RJ

It's Sunday. Last night, was one hell of a party in Lincoln. It was great!

The Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, sponsored a dinner to honor we older gays and lesbians, who are 50 and over. The younger G/L's threw a potluck like you wouldn't believe.

This event was held Saturday evening at the CornerStone on the UNI campus. It was well attended with over fifty people gathered together. About 20 of us were 50 or over.

Two banquet tables were placed end to end and groaned with food placed on them. It wasn't long, and we, too, were groaning as well. And still the goods kept coming in. Fried chicken, a delicious chicken and broccoli dish, numerous casseroles, enchiladas, salads, and desserts, talk about desserts. Sin City! It was fabulous! After stuffing ourselves silly, we just visited until 8:30.

At 8:30, two videos were shown, *Silent Pioneers*, dealing with the sacrifices and contributions of the original Gay Rights activists in the U.S. It dealt with those original pioneers, and their aging process: how they're coping and the problems they face. A second video, *Family Portrait*, was a continuation of the first film. It told about SAGE in New York (Seniors Aging in a Gay Environment). We sure could use SAGE in Nebraska. At 10 the party started to break up, but it was such a great evening: such good food, good company—a real good time.

A big, big thank you to the Coalition, to Sandy Vopalka, and to the younger generations of gays and lesbians for honoring we "older citizens" of the G/L community. It's nice to be remembered so well. By the time I got back home to Omaha, I was one tired old fart, but a happy tired old fart. What a party!

VAMPIRE LESBIANS OF SODOM OPENS IN LINCOLN

Fantafill Productions presents Charles Busch's **VAMPIRE LESBIANS OF SODOM**, the tawdry tale of two vamp-ires whose campy, venomous rivalry spans the centuries from Sodom of Old, through 1920's Hollywood, to the glittery Las Vegas show palaces of today. Playwright **Busch**, to be seen in the upcoming sequel to *The Addams Family*, found fame as one of America's foremost actors-in-a-dress in this: "The Longest Running Off-Broadway Non-Musical in History." Melissa Lewis fills Busch's heels as screen starlet Madeleine Astaré. Her antagonist, La Condesa the dreaded Succubus, is played by Rick Swaink (a.k.a. Sheza Mann), who busily fill low-cut necklines while biting others. The cast is filled out with experienced talent from UNL and the greater Lincoln Community.

Director Channing Roos is a film/theatre/television major at UNL. He has appeared in Busch's *PSYCHO BEACH PARTY*, and with the Screaming Kupuakes in *SYNC OR SWIM*. His direction projects include *NUNSENSE* at the Centre Stage Theatre in Huron, South Dakota, and *REMAINING THE SAME*, a film short documentary about a woman coping with AIDS.

This glamorous, hysterical production opens Thursday, July 29 and continues for **one weekend only** at the Lincoln Ensemble Theatre, 701 "P" St. in the Historic Haymarket, Lincoln, Nebraska. Curtain is 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 29-31. Additional "Midnight Shows" will be held on Friday and Saturday. Seating is limited. Make reservations by calling LET at (402) 477-7377 (M-F 10-6:30).

GRANTS TOTALING \$900+ AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS FROM ICON

The Imperial Court of Nebraska announced at its June meeting \$900+ was available to Women's Organizations as a result of the profits from the Memorial Day Picnic.

Women's groups or groups with an outreach or programs specifically designed for women should contact **ICON President Carla** at 556-2907 immediately for details. Written request must be received by August 1 to be considered. Letters have been sent to as many groups as possible informing them of the grant availability, but if you or your group did not receive a letter, please contact Carla immediately.

These grants are made possible because of ICON's desire to more thoroughly support the entire gay and lesbian community. The Pre-Labor Day Picnic scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 5 at Progressive Park has been designated a fundraiser for PWA's.

IOWA GAY PRIDE EVENTS

The Iowa Gay Pride Parade and Rally took place in Des Moines on Saturday, June 5. The parade began at noon at the Polk County Court House, 5th and Court Avenue. The route proceeded to Nollen Plaza, the site of the rally.

Bill Crews, mayor of Melbourne, Iowa gave the keynote speech. He recently came out in a guest opinion piece in *The Des Moines Register*. Las Vegas comedian Jerry Halliday was the parade grand marshal.

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THE NEW VOICE

DC's DOINGS

July will be a busy month at DC's beginning with the July 4th weekend. That Saturday there will be free hot dogs, baked beans, and chips in addition to 50¢ Cherry Bombs and other drink specials.

July 9th and 10th it will be "Party, Party, Party!" with DC's 2nd Anniversary Party with surprises both nights. On Friday, July 9, there will be complimentary champagne, 75¢ draws, and 50¢ Cherry Bombs from 8pm to closing. On Saturday the 10th there will be \$1 Schnapps Shots and well drinks and only \$1 for True Cowboy Cocktails.

Thursday, July 15, from 9pm to close, will be the first one of an every month event, "Black Party," with Fantasies and special drink prices. Don't miss it! Also, every Thursday, wear your leather for special drink prices from 9pm to closing.

DC's will be featuring Beer Busts every Tuesday and Thursday from 8pm to close and every Sunday from noon to 6pm for \$3 with 25¢ refills.

During these hot summer nights you'll want to check out the After Hours at DC's. It's even hotter with the July special — just \$1 cover for After Hours Dance and Party from 1am to 4am. During After Hours Coffee and Sodas are \$1 each. Juices are 25¢ more.

Be sure and stop in for Happy Hour 7 days a week, from 4pm to 9pm and check out all our daily drink and beer specials.

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Not since John Sayles' ground breaking film, *Lianna* has there been another film that has openly dealt with lesbianism. *Deseri Hearts*, a 1987 Goldwyn film was a lesbian love story but did not investigate the "whys" behind "Vivian's" attraction to another woman. *Fried Green Tomatoes* turned a novel with lesbian protagonists into a "friendship story" on screen. *Claire of the Moon* breaks new ground by exploring a graceful, sensual and persuasive growing passion between two very different women. The film began as a \$30,000 16 mm black and white directional debut of screenwriter/director, Nicole Conn and her partner producer/2nd unit director, Pamela S. Kuri. Conn doggedly pursued the first limited funds to get the project off the ground and *Claire of the Moon* became a full length 35 mm feature film produced for one million dollars.

Set in a writer's retreat on the Oregon coast with a cast of diverse women characters, the elegant, highly disciplined Dr. Noel Benedict (Karen Trumbo), a respected therapist/writer and Claire Jabrowski (Trisha Todd), a statuesque blonde beauty and a successful satirist are booked into the same cottage. The plot evolves as Noel comes out in a group meeting, changing Claire's initial hostility toward her to respect and ultimately attraction. Conn's film does not attempt to answer any questions, but rather portrays a totally unexpected mutual sexual attraction discreetly presented erotically and beautifully.

Claire of the Moon is brought to Omaha and the midwest by Women of the Plains for a single showing at the Witherspoon Concert Hall, Joslyn Art Museum at 8:05 PM on Sat., July 31st. Tickets are \$7.00 and are available by mail from Women of the Plains, P. O. Box 24355, Omaha, NE. 68124-0355, at New Realities Bookstore, 1026 Howard in the Old Market or the Albino Rhino, 101 North 14th Street in Lincoln.

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ANGLE RECOGNIZES COMMUNITY LEADERS

Achieving New Gay and Lesbian Endeavors (ANGLE) recognized community leaders at the third annual Recognition Dinner held on June 4. Recognition was given in four categories: Community Service — Business, Individual, and Organization; and Individual Personal Achievement. Special recognition was given to 5 outstanding nominees:

Community Service:

Business — Printing Plus

Organization —

Citizens for Equal Protection

The Imperial Court of Nebraska

Individual — Pat Phalen

Personal Achievement — Brian Hanlon

The evening's program featured a brief concert by the River City Mixed Chorus and an address by Diane Thomas of the Mayor's Office. In her address, Ms. Thomas emphasized her wish that we would not celebrate diversity but would instead celebrate being one people. Her wish was that each person could say "I am somebody" and that others could recognize us as being somebody. At the close of her address, Ms. Thomas was presented with a 1993 Pride Tee-Shirt and Button which she stated she would display in her office in the Civic Center.

The buffet for the evening was provided by Aaron Michael's Catering.

A listing of all those recognized follows.

Community Service by a Business:

1) ABSOLUTELY FLOWERS — Nominated for ongoing support through donations of floral arrangements, including donating each week a lovely altar bouquet to MCC. Absolutely Flowers succeeded and remained supportive of the gay/lesbian community even through changes in ownership. Absolutely Flowers is recognized for their support, generosity, and success as a small business.

2) THE MAX — Nominated for their ongoing support of the community. The person nominating THE MAX did not go into the beauty nor size of the MAX, nor their business success, but nominated the MAX because "it let's us know that there is a place we can depend on. It's where good things happen."

3) PRINTING PLUS (SPECIAL RECOGNITION) Nominated for consistent support of the community through donations of printing services (free or at reduced cost) and for its active support of AIDS education and safer sex practices through Fantasy Weekends and support of the Nebraska AIDS Project. The generosity of Printing Plus allows groups to advertise, promote, and communicate even with limited funds. At the same time, Printing Plus continues to be a successful business operation. The nomination describes Printing Plus as a "Shining example of a gay-owned business to the entire city."

Community Service by an Organization:

1) CITIZENS FOR EQUAL PROTECTION (SPECIAL RECOGNITION) Nominated for a successful National Coming Out Day Street Fair and for coordinating efforts around LB 395 which will add Sexual Orientation to the Nebraska Fair Employment Act. The success of this, the first bill addressing sexual orientation to have made it out of committee, is due to the lobbying, testimony, and public information coordinated by CIEP. The nomination stated "This group works from a diverse core group of gay, lesbian and non-gay/lesbian people with a good gender mix."

2) The Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians of U S WEST (EAGLE). EAGLE was

nominated for presenting gay and lesbian issues to both the corporation and the community. An Employee Resource Group of U S WEST, EAGLE has been the only professional gay and lesbian association in the area. EAGLE has contributed to conferences at U S WEST and held workshops for the corporation, for City Employees, for Metro Tech, for Oregon, for the College of St. Mary's, and for UNO. Leaders of EAGLE are involved in many other community organizations and in the political arena. Three members of EAGLE received Regional Awards of Merit as has the organization. The nomination states "Because of the efforts of members of EAGLE, there have been positive changes in behavior and attitude about gays and lesbians within the corporation."

3) IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA

(SPECIAL RECOGNITION) Nominated for thirteen years of service and financial support of other organizations including ANGLE, NAP, PWA Emergency, Children's Crisis Center, American Cancer Society, MCC-Omaha, PFLAG-Omaha, PFLAG-Lincoln, the Youth Talk Line, ANGLE's Gay-Lesbian Information and Referral Line, the Omaha and Lincoln Quilt Displays, Human Rights Campaign Fund, Fantasy, UNO Speech Pathology Clinic, MCC's Food Pantry, CIEP, Colorado Legislative Initiative Project, All Iowa AIDS Benefit, ABC Quilts for HIV+ Children, SHOUT in Kearney, to name a few. The monarchs and members of the Board of ICON have performed in innumerable fundraisers. Empress Phoenix and ICON members even traveled to Colorado Springs to hold a fundraiser to help fight Amendment 2. ICON offers other organizations opportunities to inform the community through three picnics held each summer. ICON recognizes and supports diversity. Female impersonators, the leather community, white people, people of color, gay, heterosexual all take part in ICON activities. The nomination stated ICON has generously supported a diverse group of organizations for 13 years, helping bring both homosexual and heterosexual into one community.

4) WOMEN OF THE PLAINS

Nominated for bringing women oriented entertainment to Omaha, including Chris Williamson and Kate Clinton and for giving the community alternative entertainment and a chance to network with people that don't go to the bars. The nomination stated "A group started with a dream for the community and with hard work it became a reality."

Community Service by an Individual

1) JOE BONAUTO

Nominated for leading the gay/lesbian support group at MCC-Omaha for the last 4 years. The group has helped many in the coming out process and the process of living as a gay or lesbian person in a straight society. The nomination states "Joe has been willing to take on this weekly activity for four years. When you volunteer to take on the leadership of a WEEKLY activity for four years, that is a MAJOR commitment."

2) STAN BROWN

Nominated for his participation in ANGLE as *New Voice* correspondent and co-chair of the fundraising committee. Stan has been a singing member of RCMC for 6 years and served on the board for over 4 years. He was president for 1 1/2 years and Vice President for performance and marketing. Stan was a volunteer for the Nebraska Quilt Display and co-producer of Nebraska United, a significant fundraiser for the Quilt. As INGA, Stan has performed in numerous fundraisers and has acted as judge and pageant

coordinator. Stan also supports the leather community through his involvement with Fantasy weekends. The nomination stated that "along with his partner, Brandon Shukis, Stan is one of the busiest and most committed members of the Omaha community."

3) TAMI GRIFFITH

Nominated for her two years of service as Athena of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, during which she was actively involved with every event, acting as adhesive for both sets of Monarchs. Tami and her royal family volunteered extensively with the local March on Washington organizing activities, often responding at the drop of a hat. The nomination states "Tami has improved the community reputation of ICON. Her involvement with the women's community has accessed an often forgotten segment of Omaha."

4) PAT PHALEN (SPECIAL RECOGNITION) Co-founder of EAGLE at U S WEST, member CIEP, member NGLTF, Steering Committee member of *New Voice*, Deacon and elected Lay Delegate of MCC-Omaha, Past Emperor of Imperial Court, has been a "Buddy" for NAP, Member Pro-Choice Advocates, trained facilitator for gender issues workshops at U S WEST, present Co-Chair of the U S WEST Pluralism Council, Studying American Sign Language and is volunteer interpreter, Recipient of the EAGLE regional Award of Merit. The nomination stated Pat is more than a public display in a pool, he's more like a boulder landing in a puddle. He has a few faults, one of which is his big heart and that he doesn't know when to say "no."

5) JEFFREY "BRANDON" SHUKIS

Nominated for being an active member of ANGLE for 4 years, co-chair for the fundraising committee, 1992 National Coming Out Day chair, member of 1992 Recognition Committee, and volunteer for the Gay/Lesbian Information and Referral Line. Brandon has been a "Friend" of the Chorus for 5 years, serving as concert volunteer director, Friends Group Leader, and Chorus Librarian. He was a volunteer for Fantasy '89, '90, '91, 2nd runner up to Mr. Gay Nebraska 1990 and 2nd runner up to Mr. Omaha Drummer 1991. The nomination stated "along with his partner, Stan Brown, Brandon is one of the busiest and most committed members of the Omaha Community."

Individual Personal Achievement

1) BRIAN HANLON (SPECIAL RECOGNITION) Nominated for his effort in becoming a Pastor in Metropolitan Community Church. After being diagnosed with AIDS and retiring from a successful career in the military, Brian left his home in Colorado and moved to Omaha to pursue a 2 year course of study as student clergy. While student clergy, Brian completed extensive course work and pastored MCC-Sioux City from its first church service to being established as a "mission church" in the UIMCC. Brian was licensed a year ago even though he had to attend the conference in a wheelchair. He has had to resign as pastor of MCC-Sioux City but continues as Clergy on Staff at MCC-Omaha even with failing eyesight. Brian has always been "out" as a person living with AIDS, and has spoken publicly and on television as both a gay veteran and a person with AIDS. The nomination stated "Brian is an example because he set a goal and reached it even after being diagnosed with AIDS."

2) SHARON MCCARTNEY

Nominated for her activities as co-founder of EAGLE, a member of the pluralism council of U S WEST, and, now, as regional President of



ANGLE RECOGNITION Cont..

EAGLE. Sharon speaks out against discrimination in the workplace and the community. She has helped organize conferences and has spoken at workshops and at many places in the community. She attends Metro Tech and speaks out openly to address issues of prejudice. Sharon has received EAGLE's regional Award of Merit. The nomination stated "Sharon is a role model for the community. When you visit Sharon's desk there is never any question that she is a lesbian because of all the pictures and awards on display there." 3) **WAYNE TIETSPORT** — Nominated for his willingness to be "out" as a PWA and for his many fundraising efforts for the PWA emergency assistance fund. Wayne has stood on the stage at the MAX and discussed his HIV status openly and encouraged others to come out of the closet. His benefit show this year, "The Faces of AIDS," raised over \$7000 for the PWA Emergency fund. Wayne participated actively in this show even though he had to talk his doctors into letting him out of the hospital on pass to do so. The nomination states "I have learned many things from Wayne but perhaps the most important was in his role as General Manager for the MAX when he stated "You can't hold grudges—you've got to let things go, put them in the past and get back to working together."



The Nominations Committee included: Sharon Van Butsel, Chair; Becky Weitzel, Stan Brown, Joe Phillips, Harry Naasz, and Kathy England. The impartial out-of-town members included: Jean Mayberry and Aleta Fenceroy of Sioux City; Betsy Hansen of Seattle, and Jan Knief of St. Paul.

After nominations were received it was discovered that one committee member had been nominated, other committee members had submitted nominations, and that some nominees were known to the impartial out of town members. Therefore, to avoid any conflict of interest, committee members evaluated nominations only of categories in which they were not nominated or had nominated others. The out of town members only evaluated categories in which they had no personal knowledge of any of the nominees.

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PHOTOS LEFT TO RIGHT: REV. BRIAN HANLON, PAT PHALEN, BOB EWING
DIANE THOMAS, KATHY ENGLAND PRESENTING AWARD TO SANDY KERSHAW AND NEVA COSINE
TAMI GRIFFITH & CARLA PETERSEN, RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS

May was a very busy month at the Nebraska AIDS Project and for the AIDS sensitive community. Several annual events brought people together to remember those who have died from complications due to the HIV infection and to help financially support those with the disease.

Wayne Tietzert's third annual benefit show for the PWA Emergency Assistance fund, entitled "Faces of AIDS," was held at The MAX on May 16. Don Flowers and Velvet helped host the show which reached its goal to raise \$7000. The generosity of the crowd proved the compassion and overwhelming support from the gay and lesbian community. The performers have always been fantastic, and with this show there were no exceptions. The staff of the Nebraska AIDS Project also performed and at the end of our song were all still standing; no one had fainted from stage fright. Rodney Shuey also spoke to The MAX audience about the importance of contributing to the emergency fund. We are very thankful to him for his honesty in discussing so openly his personal situation. Also thank you to Wayne, Velvet, Don, The MAX, and all of you who came and supported their efforts.

The following weekend, the 10th Annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service was held at St. Cecilia's Cathedral. Candles were carried in honor and remembrance of 287 persons who we have lost to AIDS. The memorial is part of an international observance to remember those who

have succumbed to this disease. Locally, this Memorial Service is a reminder that there is still much work to be done in the area of prevention and service to those who are afflicted with AIDS. Many thanks to all those who worked on preparing for the memorial and to the volunteers who carried candles for persons whose family or friends could not attend.

The Alternate Test Site located at NAP is under transition right now in regards to its current coordinator. Merritt Stinson is passing this responsibility on to Jan Schlichter, a previous test site volunteer and general NAP volunteer. We are very thankful to the dedication and hard work that Merritt has put forth to help our test site run more effectively. He will remain on board as a volunteer test site counselor. Thanks again, Merritt, and good luck to our new coordinator, Jan.

NAP Case Management Census May 1993	
Open Cases as of 5/1/93	251
New Cases	9
Clients Deceased	6
Cases Closed	5
End Total as of 5/31/93	249

If you know someone who is HIV+ or has AIDS, feel free to refer them to the Nebraska AIDS Project. If you would like to volunteer, call Audrey for an application: 800-782-2437.

DIRECTOR OF ICE BOWL '94 TRANSFERRED TO NEW JERSEY

The big news for Ice Bowl '94 is that Executive Director, Joel Gaub, has been transferred to New Jersey. We'll miss Joel and Terry very much!! The Ice Bowl and River City League won't be the same without them. Hopefully, they'll get the award for traveling the furthest for the February Tournament. With Joel stepping down, Roger Klenke was selected as his replacement. Joel and Roger will work closely in the next few weeks to ensure a smooth transition. Thanks to the firm base Joel put in place, the administrative abilities of Roger, and an active operations committee, no problems are foreseen.

Following the International IGBO Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia, it appears as if the word has gotten out. Omaha throws a great party, with a bowling tournament on the side. Close to 1000 bowlers gathered in Atlanta, and thanks to the super people of the Omaha area, bowlers and non-bowlers alike, the talk of the tournament was how Omaha is a great place to

party in February.

We've accepted bids from several bowling establishments to hold next year's tourney, and with an expected 200-plus bowlers, we'll probably be using two "houses."

Next year's Memorial Day Weekend IGBO Tournament will be held near-by in Oklahoma City. It is being held in conjunction with their regional gay rodeo, so there should be close to 2000 gays and lesbians cruising the "land of the red dirt." The IGBO '95 Tournament was awarded to the city of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Future Ice Bowl fundraising events are a Luau/Aksarben outing at Gilligan's Pub in July, A Progressive Dinner (Bar to Bar) and Billiard Tournament in August, and a Hayrack Ride in September. Sounds like some fun times for all, provided for you by our local taverns and Ice Bowl '94. Check flyers for exact times and locations.

The weekend of August 20-22, 1993 will mark the 5th year anniversary of "FANTASY". This year, Fantasy '93 will be back in Omaha, Nebraska, co-sponsored by Fantasy Productions and *The Leather Journal*. Fantasy is a national fundraiser, this year benefiting the Leather Archives in Chicago, IL, the AIDS Emergency Fund in San Francisco, CA, and the Metropolitan Community Church in Omaha, NE.

Title-holders and Leather Dignitaries will flock to the heart of the Great Plains Region for this annual event, which has become one of the biggest "sash - bashes" in the country. As of the end of May, over 50 title holders and dignitaries had confirmed attendance for this year's event. The goal for this year is to have over 100 titleholders and dignitaries on hand.

The weekend will begin with presentation of club colors (if you are a member of a club, be sure to bring your colors) and introduction of all of the titleholders and dignitaries. A Leather Dance will follow. The next day will be a leather fair with vendor, game and informational booths from across the U.S. There will also be seminars and demonstrations of safe play, as well as titleholder workshops. Saturday evening will be "Fantasy" the show, which will be produced by "That funny broad, IMSL 88, Shan Carr", and "The wicked tone lady, Ms Sacramento Leather 89 Jolanne Tierney." The show also features the titleholders and dignitaries singing, dancing, speaking, and performing their fantasies live on stage.

A few of those confirmed include: IMI, Director Chuck Renslow, IMSL 93 Amy Marie Meek, Int'l Mr Drummer 92-93 Emerson Briney, Publisher of *The Leather Journal* Dave Rhodes, Ms NLA 91-92 Ruth Marks, Int'l Mr Drummer 89 Brian Dawson, IMSL 88 Shan Carr, Ms Sacramento Leather 89 Jolanne Tierney (poster child), Mr Gulf Coast Drummer 91 Mark Frasier, Mr Rocky Mountain Drummer 91 Joe Potter, TLI Man of the Year 91 Jim Richards, Mr Minnesota Leather 93 John Tudor, Mr Minnesota Drummer 93 JD Laufman, Mr Rocky Mountain Drummer 93 Greg Lowe, Mr Colorado Leather 90 Alan Potter, Mr Colorado Leather 91 Jim Chandler, Rocky Mountain Drummerboy 91 Steve Truses, and many many more.

The host hotel this year will also be the site of the leather fair and seminars and workshops. It is also only a 2 block walk to The Max which is where the evenings entertainment will be. This year, Fantasy has blocked the entire hotel. The host hotel is the Radisson Redick - phone (402) 342-1500 - please mention "Fantasy 93" to receive a special rate.

Weekend packages are available from \$30.00 in advance, or \$35 at the door. Check your local establishments for Posters and registration forms, or contact "Fantasy 93", P.O. Box 6232, Omaha, NE 68106-0232 for more information.

GLAGN LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Greater Nebraska (GLAGN) has elected new officers and will be continuing to provide support group and social activities for persons living in Greater Nebraska. For more information on the group, to find out about upcoming events, or to become a member of GLAGN, write to Dennis V., 4005 Rodeo Road, Lot #4, North Platte, NE 69101.

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NEWS FROM THE COURT: THE IMPERIAL COURT

by Carla

Grab that suntan lotion, those cut-offs and head for Progressive Park. ICON has a great picnic planned just for you this July Fourth. Picnic time is noon til 5:00 for the single admission cost of \$7.00. (Please bring those ID's with you. Our gatekeepers will be checking!)

Join us for fun in the sun! There'll be plenty of beer, pop, games, and music to go around. A food booth and other information and organization booths will be set up. The Memorial Day Picnic had over 500 attendees and we hope July 4 will match that! A financial summary of the Memorial Day Picnic looks like this:

503 @ \$7.00 =	\$3,521.00
2 @ \$3.00 =	6.00
Donation =	20.00
TOTAL	\$3,547.00

\$498+ was collected at the Beer Stand specifically for the PWA fund. That money will be presented Coronation night by the Reign XII monarchs.

Expenses: Pop	\$ 240.00
Beer	1275.00
Rent	500.00
Taxes	116.32
Advertising	15.00
Misc.	25.00
TOTAL	\$2,161.32

Profit for the Picnic will be split as follows: 70% for women's organizations and 30% for ICON's treasury to fund other activities. See a related article in this issue to learn more about how women's groups can apply for grants from the \$900+. The Pre-Labor Day Picnic—Sunday, Sept. 5—has been designated as a fundraiser for PWA's.

ICON was honored first to receive a

community nomination for ANGLE's annual recognition ceremony, but we were doubly honored to share Special Recognition with CFEF. Thanks, ANGLE, and thanks to all of you who support our projects! You're the real winners!

Wow! What a weekend! Coronation XIII was something else! Everywhere I turned there were out-of-realm visitors here to honor the monarchs of Reign XII for the excellent job they've done the past twelve months. So once again, on behalf of the Board of Governors of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, let me say "Thank you, Phoenix. Thank you, Tami. Thank you, Steve. You have accomplished great things this year for gays and lesbians in Nebraska and SW Iowa! Good job! And you sure know how to throw one helluva Coronation!"

Congratulations are in order for our new monarchs. Congratulations! Way to go! The Board looks forward to working with you! We invite everyone to join us July 18 at The MAX for the Investiture of the new royal families. Show time is 9:30 p.m. Come meet the new royalty and say goodbye to the royal families of Reign XII, who have served you so well. Hosting that special evening will be Princess Royale, Melissa Morgan and the monarchs of Reign XIII.

For now—that's it from the Court, except once again we say THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all of you—the individuals, the businesses, and the organizations who do so very much to make our fundraisers and Coronation such a success. Thank you!

See you in Court! This month's meeting will be July 12, 6:30 p.m., in Stosh's Saloon at The MAX! Come join us and see how ICON works for you!

ELAINE TOWNSEND TO APPEAR AT DOWNTOWN GROUNDS

The summer tour of singer-songwriter-guitarist, Elaine Townsend, will bring her to Downtown Grounds on July 15. She has been described as a strong and distinctive singer who writes poignant and well crafted songs. Townsend's style is "just about as eclectic as you can get" and includes blues, bluegrass, samba, rock, and reggae.

Her debut album, *Heartbreaker Blues*, features nine outstanding original compositions. Though this is her debut album, Townsend says "I've been dreaming of and working towards this for about 10 years. It's very satisfying to hear my songs showcased by excellent arrangements and production."

Heartbreaker Blues addresses love and relationship issues from different vantage points. From the longing described in *Unanswered Lover* and *Missing You* to the celebration of self value in *I'm Doing Fine* and *Your Hand in Flight*, Townsend maintains clarity, poignancy and humor.

Elaine Townsend returns to women only space occasionally stating that it "feeds me and nurtures me to be in women-only space," but she performs to all sorts of audiences, stating that it is important to her to get her music out to as many people as possible.

Elaine Townsend will appear at Downtown Grounds on July 15 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and are available at Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, in Omaha.

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THE QUILT COMES TO SOUTH DAKOTA

by RJ

For the first time, the AIDS Memorial Quilt came to South Dakota. The Quilt went on display at the Sioux Falls Arena.

The Quilt was brought to Sioux Falls by a combination of efforts of EDAN (Eastern Dakota AIDS Network), by McKennan Hospital Health Services, which also sponsors an AIDS Support Group and by Metropolitan Community Church of Sioux Falls, Rev. Don Reusch, Pastor.

Thursday night were the opening ceremonies. Around 300 people gathered together, while 754 panels were unfolded and put on display.

Friday morning, at 10 a.m. the doors to the Arena were opened to the general public, and stayed open until 9 p.m. when the display closed for the day. On Friday, about 1600 people came to visit and see the Quilt display.

Again at 10 a.m. Saturday the doors once more opened to the general public. Admission throughout the display was free. Information booths handed out literature on AIDS, and a Quilt Memorabilia booth, sold items about the Quilt, to help support touring the Quilt.

It was stated that about 20 of the 74 panels were local. There was even one for someone from my former hometown, though I was not able to find out his name or age.

South Dakota itself was from the start spared, all in all, from AIDS. The majority of AIDS victims in South Dakota are people who have left

the state, contacted AIDS somewhere else, then have come home to die. They face not only the debilitating disease, but the stigma that goes with the disease and let's face it, South Dakota is not a nice place to be G/L in. There is a lot of homophobia out there in the boonies. Believe me.

At 5:00, closing ceremonies were held at the Arena. About 9 new panels from South Dakota, were added to the Quilt. It was a very touching, very moving ceremony.

Everyone formed a ring around the Quilt, and there were enough people to do this and then some. A song from Elton John was played. There was a lot of hugging, a lot of crying. The Quilt effects everyone who has come in contact with it. One cannot help but come away moved by the experience.

The Argus Leader, Sioux Falls daily newspaper, gave a very good coverage of the Quilt. The finest coverage I've yet seen. On the front page, a 5 X 7 photo of the Quilt, spread out in the Arena. The photo was taken by Mike Roemer, of *The Argus Leader*. He did an excellent job taking the photo of the opening ceremony. Text coverage by Ann Grauvogl, *Argus Leader* staff member was contained within. She did a very good, sensitive job on reporting on the Quilt.

The Argus Leader is to be highly commended for their coverage. They really did a fine job. A most commendable job.

Minneapolis. Lincoln. Kansas City, Mo. Omaha. Sioux Falls. The Quilt keeps traveling. Growing panel by panel. Each panel, a life lived. A life lost. The Smithsonian calls it the largest collection of American folk art ever collected and put together in a common cause. So many panels, so many lives lived, so many hopes, so many dreams of the future, lost. So much pain, for the dying and for the living. Families, whole families, from the nucleus outward to the edges. Their lives forever altered. Their lives will never be the same.

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HOMOSEXUALITY & THE SCRIPTURES

by RJ

The G/L Support Group, while not a religious group, meets at MCC. It is a totally autonomous entity. However, because religion is the major thing thrown at G/L people, Bible-bashing by the Far Right, it was decided by the moderators this issue should be addressed. Rev. Matthew L. Howard, of Metropolitan Community Church, a recognized authority, was asked to give a *Readers' Digest* version of his "Homosexuality and the Scriptures" presentation. Rev. Howard has done this presentation a number of times and has done considerable research on this very subject.

There are a number of good books on the market that should be read and studied very carefully. A gem I found, that has helped me considerably in studying and in understanding the scriptures is *Background to the Bible, An Introduction to Scripture Study* by Richard T.A. Murphy, O.P. Every minister should have a copy of this book on his/her shelf. A major book in the study of homosexuality and scriptures is *Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality* by John Boswell. The book makes for good reading, but be forewarned, this is not an easy book to read. One has to work at it.

There are a number of good books on scriptures and homosexuality. Bishop John Spong has several good books. Robin Scroggs is another author whose books should be read. If you are really confused on this subject, contact MCC-Omaha, PFLAG, Lutherans Concerned, PLGC. God gave everyone a brain and it is up to each of us to use that blob of gelatin in our cranium. So think for yourself. Study, study, and more study. Studying is an ongoing process, as I have seen Rev. Howard do in his presentations.

All in all, it was a good evening and a good presentation. The following week, one of the group brought an English translation of the Vulgate Bible. It says nothing about homosexuality. Different translations and translating were discussed and how hard it is, especially since English is a word order language (one of two in the world). All other languages depend on suffixes to give the word a meaning in the sentence. So remember, the Bible is a translated series of books and letters written over a span of around 4,000 years. No originals are known to exist. The written word was first the spoken word. To err, either intentionally or not, is human, all too human. Think for yourself. Opinions are like noses on one's face, everyone has one.

And for Pete's sake, whoever he was, get out your Bible, whatever translation and read I John 4:20-21. Oh, what the heck, just read all of I John. If it do you good.

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Announces 6th Annual Stonewall Award Winner

The Employee Association for Gays and Lesbians (EAGLE), a U.S. WEST Resource Group, held its 6th annual Stonewall Award Celebration on June 8th. This year's award recipient was Arlene Dacus and the Condors. Many of you will recognize Arlene and the Condors from their participation in the EAGLE entry for the Lesbian and Gay Pride parade for the last three years. Everyone seems to really like the Condors and the excitement they add to our parade and celebration. We are thrilled to be able to have them as part of our expression of Pride, Diversity and Pluralism.

Stonewall is many things to many people. The EAGLE Stonewall Award was created six years ago to enable us to remember and keep alive what we consider to be a very important part of our Gay and Lesbian history. We acknowledge Stonewall as the beginning of the modern day liberation movement for gay and lesbian civil rights. It is with the Stonewall Award that we honor an individual, group of people or organization that we feel manifests a present day spirit like the spirit that thrust our brothers and sisters into the Village streets of NYC in rebellion of the oppression, discrimination and harassment that they suffered saying, "NO MORE!"

This year's Stonewall Award celebration was held over the noon hour at the Corporate Headquarters building of U.S. WEST. We were honored to have three of our past recipients in attendance. Janet Houston, the first Stonewall Award winner, Sharon McCartney, and Cheryl Lape. (Peri Jude Radevic, last year's honoree, was not in attendance, but we were honored to have Peri Jude in Omaha on June 15th speaking at three U.S. WEST work locations about Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights and the Ban on G/L's in the military.)

The audience was greeted by Sharon McCartney. The Mayor's proclamation was read by Roger Stuhmer from Public Policy. An explanation of Stonewall and what it means to EAGLE and the Gay and Lesbian community was provided by Terry Sweeney. The presentation of this year's Award was made by Cheryl Lape. Once the award was presented, a small group from the Condors offered a 20 minute sampling of their fine talent. That's right! Drums and all, and it was great.

We, in EAGLE, are truly grateful of the friendship and respect the Condors and Arlene have shown, not only us, but the Gay and Lesbian Community as well. We honor them and their willingness to step up to the issues of discrimination and oppression. They are, without doubt, fine role models for all youth and are to be congratulated for the years of volunteer hours and commitment to making a difference, not only in the Black community, but in all of Omaha. Congratulations, Arlene and the Condors and keep up the good work!

What is it? The line was started over four years ago under funding from CDC through the Lincoln Lancaster Country Health Dept. AIDS Dept. P-FLAG was getting calls related to AIDS and a frequent comment was that they couldn't find anywhere to call about AIDS. The number 475-2437 (475-AIDS) is listed simply under AIDS Support in the phone book - white, blue and yellow pages. Because it has its own listing the phone company treats it like a business phone and the charge is \$50 per month.

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS AND RuPAUL AT THE MAX

The night life in Omaha explodes this month. We've got a terrific line up of shows and special surprises all month long.

The Fourth of July starts the month off with a "BANG". Nowhere in the Midwest can you party like we do at THE MAX. Our DJ's will be spinning the hottest sounds to make this holiday HOT. Kathy Kline will top the weekend off with her own brand of show stopping talent on Monday, July 5. Joining Kathy will be some of the finest entertainers from St. Louis.

On Thursday, July 8, New York visits the MAX. It's a once in a lifetime chance as the MAX presents Club sensation RuPaul, Super Model of the World. He's the number one dance club sensation that you've seen on Joan Rivers, Geraldo, Sally, and now you can see him at THE MAX. He'll be performing and signing autographs. Get here early. The show begins at 10 pm. The cover for this special event is \$10.

Back in April you really, I mean really, enjoyed Male Order. Well, since your such a terrific bunch of guys, we're bringing them back on Sunday, July 11. Tony and the boys can't wait to get back to their fans in Omaha. And, because we had such a great turnout it will once again be MEN ONLY.

The Imperial Court of Nebraska will begin another year of dedicated service to our community when two new monarchs begin Reign XIII. Join us in a night of community support for Investiture XIII on Sunday, July 18.

Mac is back with a new Pageant. This year she will host the Miss Great Plains Regional Pageant on Sunday, July 25. This is a preliminary for the Miss Gay America Finals that will be held in Dallas this November. Joining us that evening will be Leslie Rage, Miss Gay America.

For those of you who can't get enough of hot men dancing in front of your face with very little

clothing covering their tight muscled bodies and sweat dripping down their wash board abs and running down their big bulging... Oh! Sorry. Sunday, August 1, Kevin Andrews and First Class Male return to Omaha. Kevin has an all new show with some really hot new men. Don't miss it.

Congratulations to Dustin and Bob of Fantasy Productions for their very successful and HOT, Mr Great Plains Drummer Contest. We can hardly wait for Fantasy 5 this August. If you can't wait, get your reservations now. Information is available from any bartender or the show director.

May featured the third annual Benefit for Nebraska Persons With AIDS (P.W.A.) hosted by our manager, Mr. Wayne Tietzort. Wayne asked me to extend his heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped to raise the \$7000 that made this the most successful benefit to date. Everyone from THE MAX staff, patrons, performers, and caring people deserve a big thank you. Your generosity and help meant a great deal to him.

As many of you know we recently lost Wayne to AIDS. Wayne and I began working together at the same time. He as General Manager and myself as Show Director almost 4 years ago. I am very proud of everything we accomplished together. He faced his illness with dignity and self respect, an example that we can learn from. He was a driving force that helped make THE MAX second to none. We argued a lot, laughed a lot, and confided in each other all the time. He never said no to me and always supported me in every aspect of my job and in my personal life. We had respect for each other that is very rare in many work situations. I'll continue to strive for the best as he did and memories of him will stay with me forever. His passing has left a void that cannot be filled. I miss him very much.

Gloria Revelle

CLOSET BALL ENCORE AT 2001

As part of the First Anniversary Celebration at 2001 in Lincoln, the contestants in the Imperial Court of Nebraska's annual Closet Ball competition will be performing. Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 11, to see repeat performance by Miss Closet Ball 1993-April Lane.

Miss Closet Ball will be joined by the first and second runners up - Ammie Zahn and Miranda Wrights. Completing the lineup will be Josette Bouvier, Veruka Salt, Raygan Dalimour, Laurel Augustine, and, of course, Miss 2001.

Show planners tell us this will be a night of fun. Showtime is 9:30. Proceeds from the door for the show will be donated by 2001 to the Nebraska AIDS Project and the Imperial Court of Nebraska.

AIDS SUPPORT LINE NEEDS YOUR HELP

How has it worked? I have received only one crank call on that line. The calls to the AIDS line come from all over the country as well as locally. It is listed with the P-FLAG national Family AIDS Support Project (FASP), as well as with other national referral lines and is listed in a number of Nebraska State brochures of AIDS Resources. I believe it is essential that this line be maintained and promoted.

Problem, Funding! The state cut funding to a number of community based organizations

RUMORS, RUMORS, RUMORS

We at DC's have heard many rumors that we are closing our doors July 5. Well, as you can tell from our ad, we are not closing nor moving - although we are looking at different buildings to enlarge DC's.

DC's is here to stay and this article is simply to put to rest all these different rumors! So come on down to your favorite place and visit us! Ashley, Kermit, David, Jeff, Dave, Dan and Charley look forward to seeing you soon. While you're there, check into joining the Heartland Gay Rodeo Association, Nebraska's fastest growing organization, and we thank all our customers, new and old, for supporting us these last two years.

See you soon!

The Staff of DC's

(CBOs), among them ours was cut entirely. At present P-FLAG Cornhusker has committed to funding it for two or three more months, but we cannot afford to continue it indefinitely.

Solution: Red Ribbon AIDS Awareness pins are for sale from Jean DC. This is a temporary solution, and we seek other ways of financing it and your ideas are welcome, but presently this is the only source of income for it. They are available for \$5 each, 1/2 which go directly to support the AIDS line. See Jean DC.

AIDS CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL HELD

by RJ

A large crowd of people were brought together by a common cause shared by all. To remember those whose lives were snuffed out by AIDS.

There were 287 names on the list. Candles were passed out for each name. My candle was for Mark, the fourth Mark on the list. Mark, I don't think I knew you, yet maybe I did. As the others were, you too were one of God's children. With hopes and aspirations. With dreams of the future. Like all of us, dreams of retiring with someone you really cared for. Then came the plague. The scythe that cut down so many lives. And only because, like the rest of us, you were trying to find someone to share a life with. Even if brief, fleeting moments, I really think we all feel, "Is this the one, is this my knight in shining armor?" And now, Mark, you dream the dreamless sleep, the eternal sleep. Only because you dared

to dream and to hope, while living. With our lifestyle, what else do we have? May you rest, now, with God, Mark.

The Prelude was given in 3 musical presentations. Mr. Eric Schuermann gave a solo, *When You Walk*. The women of the River City Mixed Chorus sang *Wings* while the men of the River City Mixed Chorus sang *Tree of Peace*.

The Opening Prayer was given by MCC of Omaha's Pastor, Rev. Matthew Howard. Mr. Gary George, Nebraska AIDS Project, gave the readings. The River City Mixed Chorus gave the response.

The Lighting of the Fire, and Prayers of the People, were given by Brother William Woeger, FSC, Archdiocese of Omaha.

From this tier of fire, lighters were lit. People came down the aisles to light their candles from

the Lighters and returned to their seats.

Upon the completion of lighting the candles, row upon row of mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, relatives, friends, caregivers, lovers followed the bell ringers and the ministers up the aisles, down the sides, to the chancel of the Cathedral. Here all gathered to hear the Proclamation of all 287 names, of those who died of AIDS. The "tree" was soon filled and now the candles were set at the base, as one by one, the names were called off. A candle for each name and for all those who died of AIDS.

At the last name, Rabbi Paul Drazen, Beth El Synagogue gave the Prayers for the Dead. Rev. Frank Reisinger, Lord of Love Lutheran Church gave the Blessing and Dismissal.

How many more names will be added to next year's list? How many more candles will be lit? Even one more name will be too many.

MR OMAHA DRUMMER 1993

In Black & White

When my partner and I attended the Mr. Omaha Drummer Contest held at DC's the 23 of March, quite frankly, we didn't know what to expect.

I believe we live a very normal gay lifestyle, which includes a very normal gay sex life. My partner and I on many occasions have discussed our individual sexual fantasies, and by what we witnessed that evening, our fantasies are very tame. We both agree that whatever people do in the privacy of their homes, especially their bedrooms, is their business, as long as it doesn't do harm to anyone involved.

The two contestants for this year's Mr. Omaha Drummer Contest were Mr. Kevin Jones and Mr. Mark Withrow. Mr. Pat Phalen, emcee for the evening, began the contest by introducing the contestants with a short biography of some very vital statistics, which included age, education, weight, height, and even tool size. At that time each contestant got the chance to speak on why they should be Mr. Omaha Drummer 1993.

The second part of the contest featured the contestants in a fantasy type skit. Let me tell you that my partner and I are very well read in all sorts of literary circles from fiction to non-fiction.

What we witnessed in the first skit was something we both read about some years ago. We call it Lite-S & M. The skit featured Kevin Jones clad in full leather regalia and his love slave. Kevin put his slave through numerous humiliating punishments which ran the gambit from life whipping—to hot wax. The second skit performed by Mark and his accomplice featured one of my favorite fantasies—making love to a cowboy. This skit featured a cowboy getting a haircut and a shave from a barber, who in his mind wants to cut more than just his hair and shave more than just his face. With the sound of country music blaring in the background, the barber decides to make his move on the cowboy—who had more than a haircut and a shave on his mind!

After the fantasies were completed we were treated to the contestants in full leather gear from harnesses to pants and chaps to jock straps, vest, hats and boots. Both contestants knew how to wear leather!

The contestants were judged and received points for their initial interviews, fantasy performances and costume and interview.

Since there were only two contestants, both men emerges as winners. Crowned Mr. Omaha Drummer 1993 was Mr. Kevin Jones and Mr. Mark Withrow was named runner-up. Both gentlemen represented Omaha in the the Mr. Great Plains Drummer contest later in June. Congratulations gentlemen!

We did get the chance to talk to both contestants at the conclusion of the show. Mr. Omaha Drummer '93 Kevin Jones stated, "I'm looking forward to serving as Mr. Omaha Drummer 1993, and I hope to serve the community in any way. Wherever I'm needed, I'll be there."

We asked Mark Withrow, who also performs as Viktoria Towne, how he felt about the contest and the difference between a Mr. Omaha Drummer Contest and performing in drag. Mark said, "I had a good time, learned a lot, and am looking forward to competing in the Great Plains Contest." He continued, "The Mr. Omaha Drummer Contest deals with my sexuality more than drag does. I'm into drag for its entertainment value. I love to perform for the community."

Our thanks to DC's and its staff, the judges: Dan, Terry, Dick, Charlie, Athena IV Tami, and Amy; the emcee Pat Phalen, and all the personnel in attendance. This proved to be another entertaining evening in Omaha. We are looking forward to the Great Plains Contest.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563, Adult/Child Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:20am

Omaha Frontrunners, location varies 10am
Grand Island Alcoholic Anonymous Open Meeting 12noon (308)236-8610/382-0240.

Star City Gay Men's Club, For men in 30's, 40's, 50's, & Up, Movies, cards, etc. 2-7pm, The Gathering Place, 1448 "E", Lincoln

MONDAY

River City Mixed Chorus Rehearsals, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40, Omaha

Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth St., Omaha 7-10pm

TUESDAY

"Out In The 90's" Gay Broadcast News Service, Cable Channel 14, Lincoln, 7pm

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 7:30pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., 345-2563

WEDNESDAY

Lesbian Discussion Group Lincoln 6pm, UNL, Nebr Union, Room 338

Omaha Frontrunner/Walkers, 6:30pm, Ford Birthsite, 32nd & Woolworth, Omaha

P-FLAG AIDS Support Group, Lincoln, 7pm Call AIDS Information Line: 475-2437

Lambda Plush Overeaters Anon, 7:30pm, Family & Friends, 3040 N. 102, Omaha

UNL Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Lincoln, 7:30pm, Nebr Union, Room 234

THURSDAY

Alternate Test Site, Nebraska AIDS Project, 3624 Leavenworth Omaha 7-10pm

FRIDAY

Youth Talkline, 7pm-12m, Support/Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln

Lincoln G/L Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm, Plymouth Congregational, 20 & D, 438-5214

Omaha Alcoholics Anonymous, ***"An Alternative" Gay Men's Stag Group, 7pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22, 455-7916
***"Live & Let Live" G/L Group, 8:15pm, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, 345-9916

Every Other Fri., Drop In Cntr, HIV Info/ Test, 1723 Leavenworth Omaha 10pm-2am

SATURDAY

Womens Support Group, 11am, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St., 345-2563

Alcoholics Anonymous, Kearney, Open Meeting 3pm, (308)236-8610.

P-FLAG Youth Group, ages 13- 21, gay, lesbian, and those questioning sexuality, Omaha, 291-6781

Youth Talkline, 7pm - 12m, Support/Info for callers up to age 23, 473-7932, Lincoln

THURSDAY, July 1

G/L Resource Ctr Business Mtg. Rm 342, Nebraska Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm.

Citizens for Equal Protection, 7:30pm, 1st Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

Kearney Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr Support Group, 8pm, Call (308) 236-8610

FRIDAY, July 2

"Free" Keg Beer with donation of 5 cans food or \$4 for MCC-O Food Pantry, The NEW RUN Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

Rocky Mountain Nat'l Rodeo, Denver, for info call (402) 477-3899 between 6:30 & 10pm

SATURDAY, July 3

Coalition, 1st Saturday Event, "Coffee House/ Game Night", Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7-10pm

Rocky Mountain Nat'l Rodeo, Denver, for info call (402) 477-3899 between 6:30 & 10pm

Free Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips; plus Drink Specials, DC's, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

"Free" Keg Beer with donation of 5 cans food or \$4 for MCC-O Food Pantry, The NEW RUN Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

Coffeehouse, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7-10pm, Informal, alcohol-free event

SUNDAY, July 4

Independence Day

4th of July Picnic, Sponsored by the Imperial Court of Nebraska, \$7 admission, free beer & pop, food for sale on grounds, No Pets, please; I.D. required; 12n-5pm, Progressive Park, Council Bluffs

Lutherans Concerned, 1st Lutheran, 31 & Jackson, Omaha, 7pm, 345-4080 or 453-7137

Rocky Mountain Nat'l Rodeo, Denver, for info call (402) 477-3899 between 6:30 and 10pm

"In House Freedom Picnic" Hot Dogs & fixings The NEW RUN Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

MONDAY, July 5

Bi-PALS, (BiSexual People, Alternate Life Styles), Open to all sexes, Meet at the Cornerstone, 640 N. 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm

Kearney HIV/AIDS Support Group, For more information call: Barb (308) 234-8183.

"Kathy Kline and St. Louis Friends" Perform at The MAX, Omaha, 9:30pm

TUESDAY, July 6

A.N.G.L.E. Meeting, 7pm, UNO Religious Center, 101 N. Happy Hollow, Omaha

"Free" Keg Beer with donation of 5 cans food or \$4 for MCC-O Food Pantry, The NEW RUN Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

THURSDAY, July 8

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha, 291-6781, Program and Sharing, 7pm, First Methodist Church, 7020 Cass, West Entrance

Grand Island Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr. Support Group, 8pm, (308) 236-8610

RuPaul, Super Model of the World, makes Omaha appearance at THE MAX, 1715 Jackson, Omaha, 10pm, \$10 cover

FRIDAY, July 9

Big 2nd Anniversary Party, Complimentary Champagne and Drink Specials, 8pm-close, DC's, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

"Taking Care of Each Other" Drop In Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 10pm-2am, Information and Counseling about preventing spread of HIV

"Free" Keg Beer with donation of 5 cans food or \$4 for MCC-O Food Pantry, The NEW RUN Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

SATURDAY, July 10

Deadline for July Issue of New Voice

Nebraskans Against the Ban (on Gays in the Military), Rally for Justice and Equality, 2pm, North Steps of Lincoln Capitol Building

River City Gender Alliance, For Transgender & Crossdresser community. All welcome. No sexual encounters. Info: Write Box 680, Council Bluffs 51502

2nd Anniversary Party, DC's, Omaha

"Free" Keg Beer with donation of 5 cans food or \$4 for MCC-O Food Pantry, The NEW RUN Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

SUNDAY, July 11

New Voice Steering Committee, 1pm, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, All are welcome

Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska Board of Directors Mtg., 1-5pm

MCC-Omaha, Evening Worship, 819 S. 22

"Closest Ball Stars Perform" at Club 2001, Lincoln, Benefit for ICON and AIDS Organization

"Male Order" performs FOR MEN ONLY at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

MONDAY, July 12

Imperial Court of Nebraska Board of Directors, 6:30pm, The MAX, 1415 Jackson, Omaha

AIDS Interfaith Prayer/Healing Service, 7pm, St Cecelias, Nebr Chapel, 701 N. 40, Omaha

TUESDAY, July 13

Free & Confidential HIV Testing by Lancaster County Public Health Department, 5 - 7 p.m. The Panic, 18th & N Streets, Lincoln

2nd Tuesday "Write In", Sponsor: PFLAG, Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", 7pm

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, July 13 (Continued)

Lesbian/Gay Task Force, NASW, Conf. Room, School of Social Work, UNO, Omaha, 7pm

"Free" Keg Beer with donation of 5 cans food or \$4 for MCC-O Food Pantry, The NEW RUN Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

THURSDAY, July 15

G/L Resource Ctr Business Mtg., Rm 342, NE Union, UNL, Lincoln, 7pm

Elaine Townsend at Downtown Grounds, 1117 Jackson, Omaha, 8pm, Tickets \$7

Kearney Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr. Support Group Mtg., 8pm, (308) 236-8610

"Black Party", Fantasies and special drink prices, DC's, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

FRIDAY, July 16

Blue Barn Theater presents *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me*, 8pm, 1258 S. 13, Omaha, Tickets \$9 adults, \$5 students/seniors. Call 345-1576 for reservations and information

"Free" Keg Beer with donation of 5 cans food or \$4 for MCC-O Food Pantry, The NEW RUN Bar, 1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

SATURDAY, July 17

Omaha Players Club Workshop, *Canes, Paddles, and Things That Go Bump In The Night*, Info: call 451-7987

Blue Barn Theater presents *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me*, 8pm, 1258 S. 13, Omaha, Tickets \$9 adults, \$5 students/seniors. Call 345-1576 for reservations and information

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SUNDAY, July 18

P-FLAG/Kearney, St Luke's Episcopal 2304 2nd Ave., (308) 382-0752/995-5490, 3pm

Omaha Men (OMEN), 4pm, The Run Bar, Write: OMEN, Box 3706, Omaha 68103

Investiture XIII of the Imperial Court of Nebraska The MAX, 1416 Jackson, Omaha

TUESDAY, July 20

Grand Island HIV/AIDS Support Group, Call for time, location: (308) 381-5175

Coalition for G/L Civil Rights Board Meeting, CornerStone, 640 N 16, Lincoln, 7:30pm

"Free" Keg Beer with donation for MCC-O Food Pantry, The NEW RUN Bar, Omaha

THURSDAY, July 22

Grand Island Gay/Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebr. Support Group, 8pm, (308) 236-8610

FRIDAY, July 23

Women's Golf Weekend at Lake Okoboi Write for more information: Womenspace, Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124-0712

Blue Barn Theater presents *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me*, 8pm, 1258 S. 13, Omaha, Tickets \$9 adults, \$5 students/seniors. Call 345-1576 for reservations and information

"Taking Care of Each Other" Drop In Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Omaha, 10pm-2am, Info/ Counseling about preventing spread of HIV

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SATURDAY, July 24

Women's Golf Weekend, Lake Okoboi Write: Womenspace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124-0712

Blue Barn Theater presents *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me*, 8pm, 1258 S. 13, Omaha, Tickets \$9 adults, \$5 students/seniors. 345-1576

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SUNDAY, July 25

Parent-Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Omaha, 291-6781, "Time for Sharing" 2pm, First Methodist Church, 6900 Cass, West Entrance

Miss Great Plains Regional Pageant at The MAX, 1417 Jackson, Omaha, 9:30pm

MONDAY, July 26

Lincoln AIDS Interfaith Service, 7pm, Lincoln Interfaith Council at 474-3017.

TUESDAY, July 27

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Lincoln Unitarian Church, 6300 A Street, 6pm, "Potluck Picnic" Bring a dish to share and own service. Program: "HIV/AIDS" For more information call 435-4688

"Free" Keg Beer with donation for MCC-O Food Pantry, The NEW RUN Bar, Omaha

THURSDAY, July 29

"Vampire Lesbians of Sodom", Lincoln Ensemble Theatre, 701 "P", Lincoln, 8pm, Seating Limited, Reservations (402)477-7377

FRIDAY, July 30

"Vampire Lesbians of Sodom", Lincoln Ensemble Theatre, 701 "P", Lincoln, 8pm, Seating Limited, (402)477-7377, Special midnight showing

"Free" Keg Beer with donation for MCC-O Food Pantry, The NEW RUN Bar, Omaha

SATURDAY, July 31

Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, call for info: Cleve, 733-1360

Vampire Lesbians of Sodom, Lincoln Ensemble Theatre, 701 "P", Lincoln, 8pm, Seating Limited, (402)477-7377, Special midnight showing

"Free" Keg Beer with donation for MCC-O Food Pantry, The NEW RUN Bar, Omaha

SUNDAY, August 1

"Kevin Andrews and First Class Male" at The MAX, Omaha

Bars & Restaurants

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Blazing Saddle 416 E 5th St., 246-1299
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The D & M 424 E Locust St., 243-9629

Omaha (A.C. 402)

The Chesterfield 1951 St. Marys, 342-1244
DC's 1019 S. 10th, 344-3103
The Diamond 712 S. 16th, 342-9595
Gilligan's 1823 Leavenworth, 449-9147
The Max 1417 Jackson, 346-4110
The New Run 1715 Leavenworth, 449-8703

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SAFE, SANE, CONSENSUAL WM, 43, wants to help males/females, 35 and under, experience the excitement of being bound/gagged. GFLH, Box 3862, Omaha, NE 68103 (Au93)

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Arbor Moon Alternative Bookstore, 2017 "O", Lincoln 68502, Open Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 12-5pm, Wally 489-4634/477-5666

BIPALS (Bisexual People / Alternate Lifestyle), Box 8913, Lincoln, 68501, 1st Monday 7:30pm, Cornerstone (upstps) 640 N 16. All sexes welcome.

Gay & Lesbian Assoc., Counseling Ctr, 1234 Admin, UNL, 68508, 472-1804. Confidential

Info for Older Gay People (INFORMATION), Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043. Local/National Information, Conference Updates, and Education

Lesbian Discussion Group, Womens Resource Center, Room 340 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln, 68588. 472-2597, Meets Thursdays 6-7:30pm.

Nebraska Bookstore, 13th & Q Steets, Lincoln, Alternative Lifestyle Section carries The Advocate

P-FLAG, See Nebraska Statewide listing.

Star City Gay Men's Club, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542-2043. For men in 30's, 40's, 50's, & Up, Thursdays. The Arbor Moon, 2017 "O". Movies, cards, a Little Fun. Info: Write or call 477-5666.

Star City Lines, Box 21903, Lincoln, NE 68502, (402) 483-5251. Leather club. Educational

University of Nebraska Bookstore, 14th & R Lincoln, Gay Studies Section: Books on G/L Life.

Gay/Lesbian Resource Ctr, Rm 234 Neb Union, UNL, Lincoln 68588-0455, 472-5644. Social, info, referral, library, Support grp Wed 7:30pm

The Wimm'n's Show, 12-3pm Sunday, /KZUM, 89.3 FM stereo.

A Woman's Place, nonprofit org dedicated to empowering women. Write: A Woman's Place, 440 S. 44 St., Lincoln, 68510, or call 476-7692.

Womens Journal Advocate, P.O. Box 81226, Lincoln, NE 68501 Feminist Monthly Newspaper.

Youth Talkline (402) 473-7932, Friday & Saturday 7pm-Midnite. Emotional support, referrals, and AIDS info for callers Age 23 and under. Project of Coalition for G/L Civil Rights

YWCA Counseling & Education Department, 476-2802. Information and Referral.

*****OMAHA*****

Alcoholics Anonymous, Info: 345-9916 "Stonewall" Group, Wednesday, 7:30pm, & Gay Men's Stag Group "An Alternative", Friday, 7pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22, 455-7916.

Live & Let Live Group, Pella Lutheran, 303 S. 41, Open Mtg Friday 8:15pm

A.N.G.L.E., Inc. (Achieving New Gay & Lesbian Endeavors), Box 31375, Omaha 68131. (402) 558-5303. Organization for Networking, consciousness raising, and PRIDE activities.

Citizens For Equal Protection, Box 55548, Omaha, 68155. Legislative action group work to eliminate discrimination for gay, lesbian, bisexual people in employment, housing, education, and public accommodations. Meets 1st Thursday, 7:30pm, 1st Unitarian, 3114 Harney, Omaha

EAGLE-Omaha, Employee Assoc. for Gays & Lesbians. U S WEST. Contact S. McCarty, 1314 Douglas on Mall, 8th Floor, Omaha 68102.

Frontrunners/walkers, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 Running/Walking Club (Send SAH for info)

Gay/Lesbian Information & Referral Line, A service of A.N.G.L.E., Inc., (402) 558-5303

Gay/Lesbian Support Group, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, 345-2563. Tuesdays 7:30pm.

Lutherans Concerned, Meet 1st Sun 7pm, 1st Lutheran, 31 & Jackson 345-4080 or 453-7137

Metroplex Counseling Center, 2808 N. 75, Suite E, 68134 (402) 398-1810 serving the G & L & Gender Community.

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 345-2563, Mailing Address: Box 3173, Omaha, NE 68103. Services held at 819 S. 22 St. OMA, Sunday School Classes for Adults and Children & Youth at 9am, Sunday Worship at 10:20am.

Omaha Meatpackers, Leather/Levi Club with focus on AIDS fundraising. Call: (712) 366-1791

Omaha Men OMEN, Box 3706 Omaha 68103 Men interested in masculinity /masculine image 3rd Sunday, 4pm, The Run, 1715 Leavenworth

Omaha Players Club (OPC), PO Box 34463 Omaha 68134, (402) 451-7987. Leather/SM education & play group. Men's & women's group.

OLIS (Our Love Is Special), Box 11335, Omaha 68111 Support/social grp for women of all colors

Overeaters Anonymous Lambda Plush, Wed 7:30pm Family & Friends 3040 N 102, Omaha

P-FLAG, See Nebraska Statewide listing.

Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, (402) 733-1360: Cleve. Generally meets last Sat Jan-Oct, 2nd Sat. in December, No Nov mtg

Prime Timers, Social/support organization for older gay/bisexual men & their younger admirers. For information call (402) 895-9599 or write: 13908 "S" Plaza, Box 1088, Omaha, NE 68137

River City Mixed Bowling League, President - Scott Rezek, 346-4110, V.P. - Jolo Morrison, Secretary - Charley Wade, 597-1689. Sundays at 3pm at Skylanes, Center Mall, 42nd & Center

River City Gender Alliance, Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502 For all who enjoy cross-gender community. All orientations welcome. No sexual encounters. Meets monthly.

River City Mixed Chorus, P.O. Box 3267, Omaha, 68103-0267. 453-8884. Volunteer chorus for Gay/Lesbian/Sensitive people.

Seventh Day Adventist Kinship, Inc, Support Info for Les/Gay College Students 339-6682 / 800-4-GAY-SDA.

Women of the Plains, PO Box 24712, Omaha, NE 68124, Bring women's culture back to Omaha

Women's Support Group, MCC Omaha, 819 S. 22nd, 345-2563. Meets Saturdays 11am

WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124-0712, Magazine for lesbian women's voices to be heard

Youth Support Group, sponsor: PFLAG. For gay, lesbian youth & those questioning sexuality, ages 13 to 21. Meets Saturdays, Call 291-6781.

*****STATEWIDE*****

Alcoholics Anonymous, *Grand Island, Open Meeting 12noon, Sundays

*Kearney, Open Meeting 3pm Saturdays

Coalition for Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights, Box 94882, Lincoln 68509 Advocacy group lobbies for G/L civil rights, has newsletter, socials. Bus. Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm; 1st Saturday Social, 7-10pm, Both at Cornerstone, 640 N. 16

Gay & Lesbian Assoc. of Greater Nebraska, Mission is to provide a healthier environment in Nebraska through support meetings, social events, workshops; and monthly newsletter. Contact Dennis V., 4005 Rodeo Road, Lot #4, North Platte, NE 69101 to receive newsletter.

Heartland Gay Rodeo Association (HGRA), Box 57441, Lincoln, 68505-9998. Info: call Dan 344-3103 (Omaha) or Patrick 477-3899 (Lincoln) Open to all who enjoy and support rodeos and other country activities. Meetings generally 1st Saturdays at DC's, 1019 S. 10, Omaha

2nd Annual ICE BOWL Invitational Bowling Tournament, Box 3622, Omaha 68103-0622, Attn: Scott Hummel-sec. or Roger Klenke-director

Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68102 Org for advancement of The Lesbian society, Business Meeting 1st Monday each month

Lesbian & Gay Task Force, National Assoc. of Social Workers, Neb Chapter, Meet 2nd Tuesday, 7pm, Conference Room, School of Social Work, Annex 40, UNO Campus, info: Erin Porterfield 733-1753 (Omaha) or Elizabeth Bartle 475-5534 (Lincoln). Open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and supportive social workers, Do not have to be member of NASW

Lincoln/Lancaster Drug Projects, 610 "J", Lincoln, 475-5161, Dennis Hoffman, Case Mgr. Outpatient chemical dependency treatment while affirming sexuality, Sliding Fee

The New Voice of Nebraska, Box 3512, Omaha 68103. Monthly magazine for Lesbian/Gay community. Subscriptions \$19/year. Deadline: 10th of month for publication following month.

Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays *PFLAG, Kearney, NE: meets 3pm, 3rd Sunday at St Luke's Episcopal. Call (308) 382-0752 or (308) 995-5490. Direct correspondence to: PFLAG, 1320 8th Ave., Holdrege, NE 68949

*PFLAG, Box 4374, Lincoln, NE 68504, (402) 435-4688. 4th Tuesday, 7pm at Unitarian Church, 6300 'A', Group for family of people with HIV, and G/L Youth Group meet same time & place

*PFLAG, 2912 Lynnwood Dr., Omaha, NE 68123, (402) 291-6781. Meets: 2nd Thursday, 7pm, "Program & Time for Sharing"; 4th Sunday, 2pm, "Time for Sharing"; 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass Street, West Entrance.

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THE MAX**

MONDAY, JULY 5

**They came a long way
from St. Louis!
THE MAX welcomes, Kathy Kline**

SUNDAY, JULY 11

**Get ready Omaha,
Male Order returns
The Boys are back in town!**

SUNDAY, JULY 18

**The Imperial Court Of Nebraska
welcomes Reign XIII
Join Us for Investiture 1993**

SUNDAY, JULY 25

**The Miss Great Plains Pageant
returns to Omaha & THE MAX
Featuring: Miss Gay America
Leslie Rage**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

**Omaha loves Men and they don't
come any hotter than
Kevin Andrews & First Class Male**

THIS IS THE DAWNING OF THE AGE OF

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Introducing **AQUEERIUMS**: 60 ounces of your favorite well drink!

*Rum & Coke until you Choke • Princess of Power Amaretto Sour • Supersonic Vodka Tonic
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Surgeon General's Warning: Due to the gigantic proportions of these beverages, they are intended for consumption by two (2) or more individuals. Intentional misuse by hogging more than your fair share may result in your being slapped for being such a pig.

July 11th
Linda Mackie & Vicki Clark
Music • Comedy • ALC for the hearing impaired
Showtime: 7:00pm • No Cover

July 18th
The Facade Awards
Recognizing the best entertainment of the year
A LINK-ON BENEFIT
\$4 Cover

July 25th
Miss Parallel Galaxy
Drag from the Twilight Zone
BENEFIT FOR THE NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT
Showtime: 9:30 • \$4 Cover

August 2nd
Kevin Andrews
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Kevin & his men return once again to take it all off!
Showtime: 10:00 • \$5 Cover

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